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# AIR BATTLE IN BLINDING SNOWSTORM



**TENNYSON IN COLONY**  
LORD TENNYSON, who captained England against Australia in 1921, believes the Homeland's chances in the forthcoming tests have been heightened by Australia's omission of Grimmett and Oldfield. The famous sporting Peer arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

## Austrians To Vote On Government Programme

Innsbruck, Mar. 9.  
Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, has proclaimed a plebiscite for Sunday on the question of approval of the Government's programme for the year.  
He announced that the year would be a year of labour and he promised a huge programme of public works under which 30,000 people would be given employment.  
Dr. Schuschnigg gave a clear indication that he would resign if he did not receive a convincing vote of confidence on Sunday. He added: "I do not want to establish a personal Government. Threats which can be connected with the Berchtesgaden agreement cannot intimidate me. The agreement was in line with our policy and we shall keep it, but not more. I stand or fall by a confession of faith in the Austrian people on Sunday."

Official circles in London decline to comment on the Austrian plebiscite, but unofficial observers generally recognize the importance of a free people being allowed to express their own views and its destiny in an atmosphere untroubled by manifestations of disorder.  
**BERLIN REACTION**  
A Berlin message says that Dr. Schuschnigg's announcement has been received with reserve in German official quarters. A spokesman declared that the attitude of Germany must be considerably influenced by the manner in which Dr. Schuschnigg presents his arguments to justify a plebiscite. He added that the plebiscite might be interpreted in Berlin as an expression of Austria's desire to assume control of her national destiny, and to emancipate herself from all foreign intervention.—Reuter.

## Cabinet Re-Shuffle Pending?

London, Mar. 9.  
Lord Halifax succeeds Lord Halifax as Lord President of the Council, and Lord Maugham succeeds Lord Halifax as Lord High Chancellor.  
It is felt in political circles that the appointment of Lord Maugham is of a temporary nature, pending the resignation of Lord Halifax as Prime Minister. —Reuter.

## DOG FIGHTS AS JAPANESE RAID CHENGCHOW, SIAN

### Chinese Bombers Take To Air In Raids On Japanese Concentration

Hankow, Mar. 10.  
REPORTS from the northern war sectors indicate that both the Chinese and Japanese aircraft were very active on March 8, despite blinding snowstorms. Chinese planes raided Japanese military positions in South Shansi, while Japanese machines bombed Chengchow and Sian, the former being raided twice by a total of 17 machines.

The first attack was made by nine planes in the morning, and later in the afternoon another eight machines raided the place.

When the Japanese invaders visited Sian, the Chinese defenders took to the air and engaged the Japanese, who drew off in two groups, one of which the Chinese airmen concentrated upon, and later claimed they had brought down three Japanese machines.—Reuter.

Chengchow, Mar. 10.  
A squadron of Chinese planes flew over the Yellow River and subjected Japanese positions at Fenglingtu to a severe bombing yesterday. The damage can not yet be ascertained.

With their rear menaced by Chinese forces remaining on both sides of the Taitung-Puchow Railway the Japanese vanguards at Fenglingtu, on the north bank of the Yellow River opposite to Tungkuang, are reported to have been partly withdrawn northward to consolidate their positions.

Japanese batteries at Fenglingtu fired over 100 shells over to the south bank yesterday noon.—Central News.

## STOP PRESS

### BRITISH PADRE ORDERED TO BOW TO SENTRY

Peiping, Mar. 10.  
It is understood the British authorities in Shanghai are marking strong representations to the Japanese Embassy regarding the assault by a Japanese soldier on the Rev. A. H. J. Murray of the London Missionary Society, at Tsangchow on February 20.  
The Rev. Murray, who is the son of David Christie Murray, one of the compilers of the Oxford Dictionary, was returning home from church when, at the city gate, a Japanese sentry shouted to him to halt. The Rev. Murray walked on, whereupon the sentry struck him on the head and refused to allow him to proceed until he had doffed his hat and bowed to the sentry. Mr. Murray refused, and a Japanese officer was called up, and he insisted that Mr. Murray comply, which he finally was forced to do in order to proceed home.  
It is understood that representations against the assault were accompanied by the request that if any regulations were issued requiring Britons to remove their hats and bow to sentries, they should be cancelled. Such regulations are cancelled in the case of the Chinese.—Reuter.

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## Naval Building Holiday Is Proposed

Washington, Mar. 9.  
A resolution asking President Roosevelt to propose a naval building holiday until January 1, 1940, and to call an arms limitation conference here in October has been introduced to the House of Representatives.—Reuter Bulletin.

## WHITNEY ACCEPTS BLAME

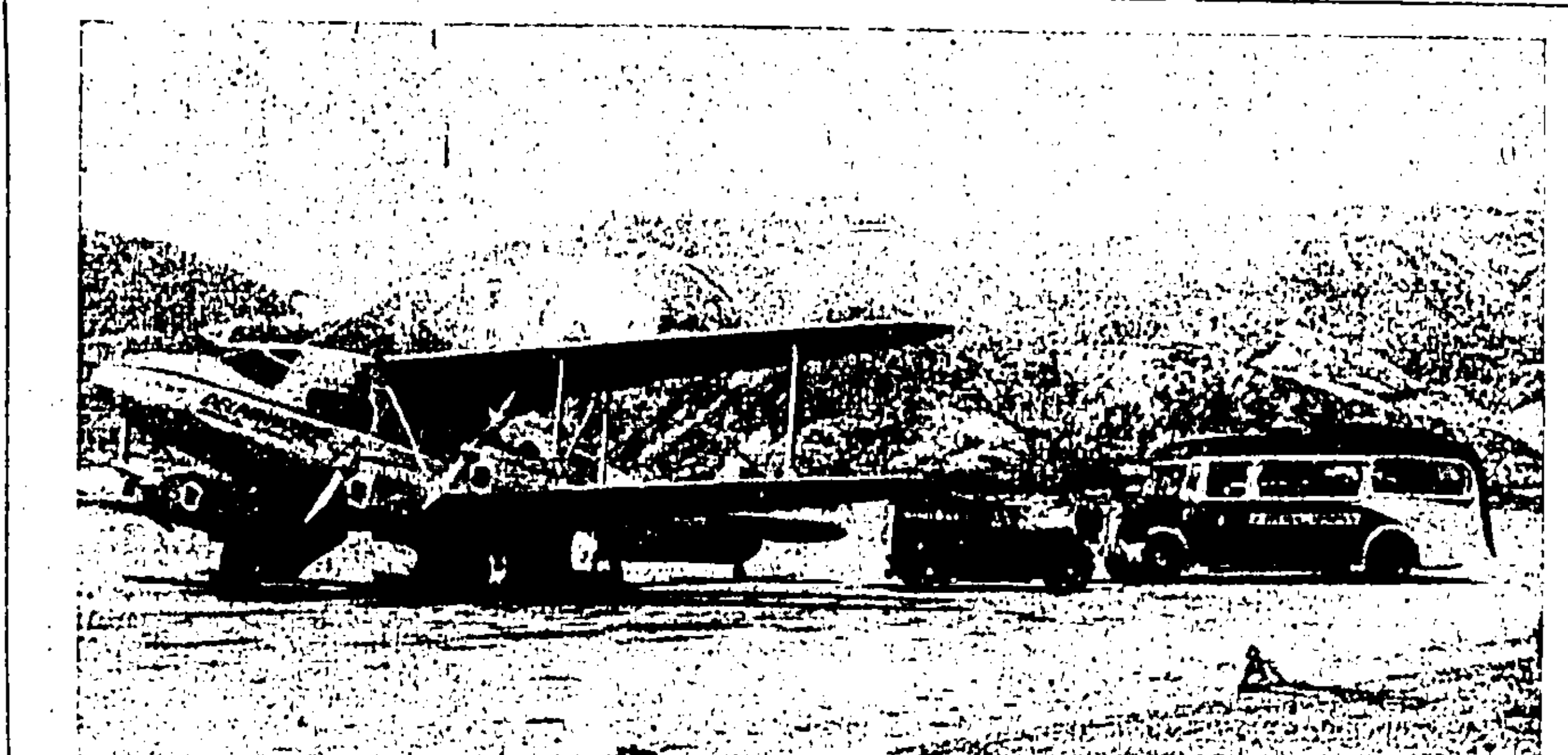
### WITHDREW HUGE SUM IN SECURITIES

New York, Mar. 9.  
Mr. Richard Whitney, senior partner of the bankrupt firm of Whitney & Co., through his attorney to-day accepted full responsibility for the bankruptcy. He admitted certain actions of his were "Wrong," and he was prepared to meet the consequences.  
Mr. Whitney will appear tomorrow at the New York Attorney General's office, at which Mr. Robert Rosenthal, Whitney's cashier will testify that the financial magnate withdrew U.S.\$400,000 in securities from customers' accounts without advising Rosenthal of the purpose of their withdrawal. The cashier therefore did not question Mr. Whitney since he was senior member of the firm.—United Press.

## Foreign Ships Can Use British Docks

London, Mar. 9.  
Replying to-day to Mr. G. G. M. Mander's question asked on February 17, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, of the Admiralty, said that offering facilities for docking and repairing foreign warships on a repayment basis in the British dockyards, was a normal practice, as long as Britain's requirements were not prejudiced as a result.  
Mr. Mander asked whether in the event of any suggestion on the lines indicated being advanced by the United States, it would be carefully considered.  
Mr. Shakespeare replied: "I think I have said as much.—Reuter."

## Britain Denies Soviet Allegations



IMPERIAL AIRWAYS air-liner Delphinus, which was damaged in landing at Fort Bayard. Outward mail from Hongkong by this air-liner has been delayed until March 14.

## INCOMING AIR-MAIL: NO DELAY TO-MORROW

### DAEDALUS TO TAKE UP DELPHINUS SERVICE

Despite the mishap to the Delphinus incoming air mail will arrive in Hongkong this evening, one day early.  
Outward mail by the Delphinus, which crashed at Fort Bayard, and not Hainan, as erroneously reported this morning, will be delayed there until to-morrow. It will connect with the through services to Australia and England, leaving Bangkok on Monday.  
The Delphinus over-ran the aerodrome at Fort Bayard whilst landing in a heavy rain storm. Although the machine suffered only minor damage, repairs cannot be effected at Fort Bayard until spares are despatched there by air. New propellers and tyres will be sent from Hongkong.  
Until the Delphinus is placed in service again, the normal run between Hongkong and Bangkok will be taken up by the Daedalus.

## New Peiping Bandit Opens Doors To-day

Peiping, Mar. 10.  
The Federated Reserve Bank of North China is opening its doors to-day and issuing the new notes. The notes of the National Government bank will be allowed to circulate for another 12 months, and the notes of local and provincial banks will circulate for three months. All will be redeemable at par by the new note which is itself on par with the Yen.  
The bank announces that it has secured credit for Y100,000,000 from a syndicate of ten Japanese banks.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG DOCKYARD PAY DISCUSSED IN COMMONS

London, Mar. 9.  
The wages of British chargemen in the Hongkong Dockyard was the subject of a question in the House of Commons by Mr. L. F. Plugge (Cons) who said that their pay worked out at 64 shillings a week, which was less than the lowest rated mechanic in the Home dockyards. He submitted that their allowances were "quite inadequate to meet the great increase in the cost of living, and the increase in rents resulting from the recent large incursion of refugees."  
Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply, pointed out that the chargemen's total emoluments at present considerably exceeded the figure mentioned. Owing to the differing standards of conditions in the dockyards, he said, it was not possible to make a comparison with the wages of other grades at Hongkong to meet the situation.—Reuter.

## COMMONS APPROVES OF VOTE TO PAY EXPENSES OF H. K. REFUGEES

London, Mar. 9.

Introducing the Foreign Office supplementary estimates in the House of Commons to-day, including a grant of \$5,000 to Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, former Ambassador to China, Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, said he was happy to say that Sir Hugh's health was improving steadily, and they sincerely hoped it would be restored so as to enable him to continue to render the conspicuous service to his country which he had given in the past (Cheers).

Referring to an item of £15,000 for the cost of transport to Hongkong, and the maintenance there of Britons, mostly women and children, evacuated mainly from Shanghai at the outbreak of hostilities, Mr. Butler paid a tribute to the British Consular representatives, and said their work had been very hard. They had not known any regular hours and their responsibilities were immense.

He mentioned that before the evacuation these refugees were asked to undertake to repay the cost of passage to, and maintenance in, Hongkong, but as many of them were in straitened circumstances they were unable to pay this preliminary expense themselves.

Referring to Britons who had fled to Hankow, Mr. Butler gave assurance that the future position of Hankow would be carefully watched, particularly the possibility of establishing a zone which would be free and as far as possible from the war should it ever reach Hankow.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell (Lab) formally moved a resolution in the vote. He declared that asking British refugees from China to pay the cost of their conveyance was very shabby, and he suggested the Japanese should be asked to foot the bill, and also to pay the grant of (Continued on Page 4.)

## BRITAIN HOLDING ISLANDS

### American Landing Does Not Affect Situation

London, Mar. 9.  
During the House of Commons question time to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, announced that the United States Government last year contested the validity of the British claim to the Phoenix Group of Islands in which Canton and Enderbury were situated, and declined to recognise an order-in-council of March 18, 1937.  
The British Ambassador at Washington was instructed to inform the United States Government that the British Government cannot regard the juridical situation as being in any way affected by their recent action, which included a landing at Canton Island. This island was effectively occupied by the British Government on August 5, 1937, and an administration officer now resides there.  
Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador to Washington, had been instructed to add that the British Government would maintain all rights in the Phoenix Group. Mr. Chamberlain added that it was intended in the immediate future to submit proposals to the United States Government which, he hoped, would be a basis for ending the controversy in a manner satisfactory to both parties.—Reuter.

## TREASON TRIAL EVIDENCE REFUTED

### Chamberlain Ridicules Evidence Of British Subversive Activity

Moscow, Mar. 9.  
M. Yagoda, former Chief of the O.G.P.U., gave secret evidence before the military tribunal of the Supreme Court to-day.

It is presumed the evidence affects foreign Powers, which, it is alleged, aided the Trotskyite counter-revolutionaries on whose behalf M. Yagoda acted.  
The Court received report by a commission of five medical experts who examined evidence relating to the death of Maxim Gorky, Manzhinsky, Kuibyshev and Peshkov. The experts found that the four accused doctors who, it is alleged, acted under M. Yagoda's orders, had criminally and maliciously maltreated the patients so as to bring about their deaths. Also, the health of Yezhov had been considerably impaired by the sprinkling of poison on the floor of his office, traces of which were found in the furniture and in the air.

### DENIAL IN COMMONS

According to a London message, an emphatic denial of the allegations by some of the accused in the Moscow treason trial that they acted as agents of the British Government with a view to overthrowing the Soviet regime, was given by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons in reply to several questions.

The Prime Minister said: "I am aware of the prejudicial effect on Anglo-Soviet relations likely to be produced within the Soviet Union by the evidence given in this trial, but I doubt whether the allegations, which are totally untrue, would be given any credit in this country, or, indeed, anywhere outside the Soviet Union."

"I feel I need hardly assure the House, that the Government has not been guilty of any breach of its agreement with the Soviet Government, and has not employed any of those names which have been mentioned, to work for the British intelligence service, or engaged in any subversive activities against the Soviet Government."

With reference to the suggestion by Miss E. Wilkinson that Lady Muriel Paget had been lecturing on her experience in the British intelligence service, the Prime Minister said that Lady Paget had no experience of the British intelligence service.

"Anyone who knows her work, knows that it is unselfish and humanitarian," added the Premier.—Reuter.

### SECRET SESSION

Moscow, Mar. 9.  
A communique states that Rokovskiy, Yagoda, Rosengoltz and Krestinsky, four of the principal defendants in the treason trial, gave evidence in secret session to-day, when they testified that they were engaged in treasonable spying connections with official representatives of several foreign powers.

"It has been established that these representatives of foreign powers connected with the above conspirators were from the anti-Soviet bloc as well as from the States they represented."

The communique said that Yagoda had admitted he organised the killing of Peshkov.—United Press.

## JAPAN'S NATIONAL MOBILISATION BILL

Tokyo, Mar. 10.  
The Lower House meets the Executive Committee to-day when the Government will further explain provisions of the National Mobilisation Bill, hoping to satisfy members of the Diet who are opposed to the Bill. It will be required to pass early date.—United Press.







# MARRIAGE BAN ON INFATUATED HEIRESS

## M. P. Husband Says Opposition Made Her Gravely ill

A SUGGESTION that his wife was made a ward of the court in order to prevent her marriage to him was made to Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P., by Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., in cross-examination in the Chancery Court.

The captain said he agreed that a member of her family was anxious to prevent the marriage.

Asked if she was so "blindly infatuated" with him that attempts to prevent the marriage made her gravely ill, the husband said: "I agree."

It was the second day's hearing of the claim by Captain Cunningham-Reid against the Hon. Mrs. Cunningham-Reid for a declaration that certain deeds involving a settlement upon him were binding upon her and two companies.

Mrs. Cunningham-Reid, co-heiress with her sister, Lady Louis Mountbatten, to the £6,000,000 estate left by Sir Ernest Cassel, their grandfather, became entitled on her marriage to between £70,000 and £90,000 a year.

She contends that the deeds are revocable.

Captain and Mrs. Cunningham-Reid were again in court, seated at opposite ends of the solicitors' table.

Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., continuing his opening speech for Captain Cunningham-Reid, said there was a dispute with respect to the sale of farm stocks and as to the account into which sums amounting to £20,000, alleged to have been received by Captain Cunningham-Reid, should have been paid. The moneys received were in fact £12,636.

Sir Stafford said Captain Cunningham-Reid received none of the money. It went either into the estate account or the joint account—largely into the estate account. None of it had gone into his private account.

Substantially the investments were the savings of the joint account. Summing up the position, Sir Stafford said that Mrs. Cunningham-Reid originally had the highly commendable desire to give her husband some financial independence.

Presumably, she now regretted her action and was trying to get back all her gifts to him. Apparently she

### THE PEOPLE IN THE CASE

Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid is Conservative M.P. for Marylebone.

His wife was formerly the Hon. Ruth Mary Clarissa Ashley, daughter of the first Baron Mount Temple. Joined with her as defendants are the Cunningham Securities, Ltd., and Tommil Holdings, Ltd.

Counsel in the case are Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., Mr. F. R. Evershed, K.C., and Mr. Valentine Holmes for the husband, and Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., Mr. Cyril Radcliffe, K.C., and Mr. Charles Russell for the wife and the companies.

out of their joint account after current expenses had been met, that money would be invested in investments or property for him.

The discussion took place at a villa in Mentone which had been lent them by Lady Forbes.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said: "I thanked her for her consideration—possibly not in such formal words—and said that I should very much like to think it over, and it was not until ten days later—May 30—that there was any entry in any diary. It was then that the subject was approached again."

### IN THE BLUE TRAIN

"It was in the Blue Train coming back from our honeymoon. I told my wife how much I appreciated her having made this suggestion, but that I saw no necessity for carrying it out."

"She said that was not the point, and that it was the principle of the thing that mattered."

Captain Cunningham-Reid said his wife went on to say that had she had control of her fortune she would have settled half on him so that they could have gone through life on an equal footing.

Mr. Evershed: Was there a reference to her sister on either occasion?—Yes, she said that her sister, Lady Louis Mountbatten, had made provision for her husband, Lord Louis Mountbatten, on their marriage, and that she would be hurt if I did not do as she asked me to do and, in fact, she insisted.

Mr. Evershed: When you got back to England do you remember an occasion on which a joint account was opened at Lloyds Bank?—Yes, I do.

## "VERY LOVE-SICK GIRL," SAYS K.C.

What was to go into it?—My wife's income and certain amounts from me.

Was anything said about any limit to your authority to draw on the account?—No.

Did you live in considerable style? I mean, was it an expensive ménage that you had?—Yes, it was very expensive.

Did you, on occasions, indulge in any gambling?—I did.

### GAMBLING LOSSES

Was your wife with you on those occasions?—Yes, to the extent that we entered and left the casino together.

Did she gamble herself?—Oh, yes, but not at the same table.

Did you suffer large losses?—I lost a good deal.

Did your wife know that?—Oh, yes, and she was not much more fortunate.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said his wife told him, at the time of the purchase of the house in Upper Brook Street, where he was at present living, that she wanted the house to be his as she had a house of her own.

Dealing with a number of financial transactions relating to the joint account in 1928, Captain Cunningham-Reid said: "This was at a time when there was a great deal of political apprehension in this country, and I considered it wise and prudent as a husband and father, not to have all my eggs in the same basket, so this money was drawn out."

### WIFE'S DEPARTURE "UNEXPECTED"

Mr. Evershed: "Take the first sum of £4,000 on January 23, 1929. The political apprehension that you spoke of was present to your mind then?"—Yes, it was very menacing then.

And what, in fact, happened? Did you take £4,000 in cash out of the joint account?—Yes, I put it in our safe.

And afterwards, you made up your mind to put it elsewhere?—Yes, I took cash to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York at the City branch. I invested just about £84,000 in American securities.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said that when his wife left the house on December 1, 1929, her departure was sudden and unexpected.

When Sir Patrick Hastings rose to cross-examine, Mr. Justice Crossman asked: "Is this a case where there is no hope of any arrangement being come to?"

Sir Patrick: Not at the moment. Sir Stafford Cripps and I have used our best endeavours to see if something could be done, but there are things which I am not at liberty to discuss in this court which make it practically impossible.

### "I AGREE"

Answering Sir Patrick, Captain Cunningham-Reid agreed that the date of the order which made his wife a ward of the court was "round about August 14, 1929."

Sir Patrick Hastings: Was she made a ward to court by her father?—She was.

Was the object to prevent a possible marriage which, to her father, seemed undesirable?—I am afraid I can't speak for her father.

Was it not to protect this lady and to prevent a marriage to you that this order was obtained to your knowledge?—Not to my knowledge.

May I say some member of her family was anxious if possible to prevent her marriage to you?—I agree with that.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said that on May 4, 1927, the approval of the Court to the marriage was obtained.

"You knew," I suggested Sir Patrick, "that by that time she was a very love-sick girl."

"We were in love with each other," Captain Cunningham-Reid replied.

Sir Patrick: Do you know that the consent of the Court was given only upon terms that the wife should be permitted to appoint in your favour, instead of one-third of her income, £3,000 and no more?

Captain Cunningham-Reid: It may be so. I do not recollect.

Asked if he would describe his wife as a business woman, Captain Cunningham-Reid said she had not the training that Sir Patrick had defined—a woman accustomed to any form of business, or capable of conducting any form of business.

Sir Patrick Hastings: How old were you at the time of the marriage? Ten years older than my wife.

Try once more. When were you born?—1896.

Are you quite sure about that?—Yes.

Sir Patrick Hastings leaned over to the solicitors' table and was handed a document. He asked: "You are Alec Stratford, son of Arthur Morse Reid?"

"Yes," was the reply.

Sir Patrick: Were you not born on April 20, 1895, at Merton?—Not according to the birth certificate my mother has given to me.

Sir Patrick Hastings: When your wife—for good or otherwise—had left you, was this her position—that she had no house, no furniture, no investments, only two-thirds of her former income, and that you had got everything else in the world that had been bought out of the joint estate—except, of course, clothing?

That is not true, she had the use of a house.

### LETTERS

Sir Patrick referred to letters which passed between the respective solicitors. In one, the question was asked: "Are we correct in assuming that . . . he is claiming that everything purchased on the joint account, which is now standing in his name, is his own property?"

"Listen to this," counsel said, "and answer whether this was meant to be cynical, humorous or contemptuous." (Reading). "Our client does not claim any of the cars or dogs that are now at Six Mile Bottom as his property."

Captain Cunningham-Reid did not answer.

Sir Patrick: Do you leave your wife anything else? You took one of the dogs.

Captain Cunningham-Reid: My own dog.

Bought out of your own money?—I do not know.

### "AND HER £70,000"

Is that all you left her after ten years; you do not claim the cars or the dogs?—And her £70,000.

"That was because you could not take that. You would have taken that if you could," suggested Sir Patrick.

"I would not," replied Captain Cunningham-Reid.

Sir Patrick: I understand that you once held his Majesty's commission and you are a Member of Parliament. Do you still ask his lordship to help you to keep everything that came out of your wife's money, except the cars at Six Mile Bottom and her dogs?

Captain Cunningham-Reid: If that was the arrangement, I do.

"When your wife married you she was twenty and you had a great deal of experience of the world," counsel suggested.

"As much as anybody of my age," was the reply.

When you married this lady of twenty, within a day or so, according to you she made you a gift of everything that could be saved out of her very large income?—Within a week.

She had a father alive?—Yes.

She also had a very distinguished member of my profession, Sir Felix Cassel, as her trustee?—Yes.

When did you first tell Sir Felix Cassel that this gift of twenty had made this gift to you?—There was no necessity to tell him.

When did you tell her father, who had made her a ward of Court, that she had made this gift to you?—I did not tell him, because it was not necessary.

Sir Patrick Hastings: I suggest that no honest man, if your story is true, could have kept it to himself and not told her father or trustee. What do you say to that?—I say that it did not concern either of them.

### "BLINDLY INFATUATED"

"You knew she was 'blindly infatuated' with you and would have done anything to please you?—I knew she loved me."

To your knowledge she was seriously and gravely ill because of the attempts to prevent her marrying you?—I agree.

And within a week she was making to you this very large gift?—That is so.

What she did was to say: "Here is the money; draw what you want?"—That is what she did. There is no decent woman who likes a man to live on her charity.

Sir Patrick: Do you think there was anything indecent in her marrying you?—No, I married her because of her decency.

### "OUR HOME"

When she left you she took proceedings for divorce?—That is so.

Sir Patrick: We will leave that matter. Does it surprise you that she wants her home?

"Our home," corrected Captain Cunningham-Reid.

Do you want to keep it if you can possibly do so?—I want some place for myself and the children.

I suggest that you want to keep the home bought by this young lady's money?—I do not want anything I am not entitled to.

Her money was buying the house. Did you tell her she must remember that not a thing in it was hers, and did she say she didn't want anything?—Certainly. We discussed the matter and she was delighted.

### "SELF-RESPECT"

I suggest that no man with a shadow of self-respect—if your story is true—could have taken over a stick of furniture paid for with his wife's money and said, "That is mine?"—That was the arrangement.

Answering further questions, Captain Cunningham-Reid said his wife had her jewels, her income, a comfortable home, her husband and her children.

"Lots of women would like that and £70,000 a year," he added.

"It depends upon the husband," Sir Patrick replied.

"I was talking about financial matters," said the witness, and Sir Patrick remarked: "But you will remember there are proceedings in another court. It may be as well to keep out of that."

Sir Patrick: As a result of spending between £70,000 and £90,000 a year for ten years, what has she got now that doesn't belong to you except her clothes and dogs?—She has the other things I have mentioned.

Further pressed, Captain Cunningham-Reid said: "She has the arrangement she desired."

And you want to keep the balance?—I am entitled to do so.

The hearing was adjourned.

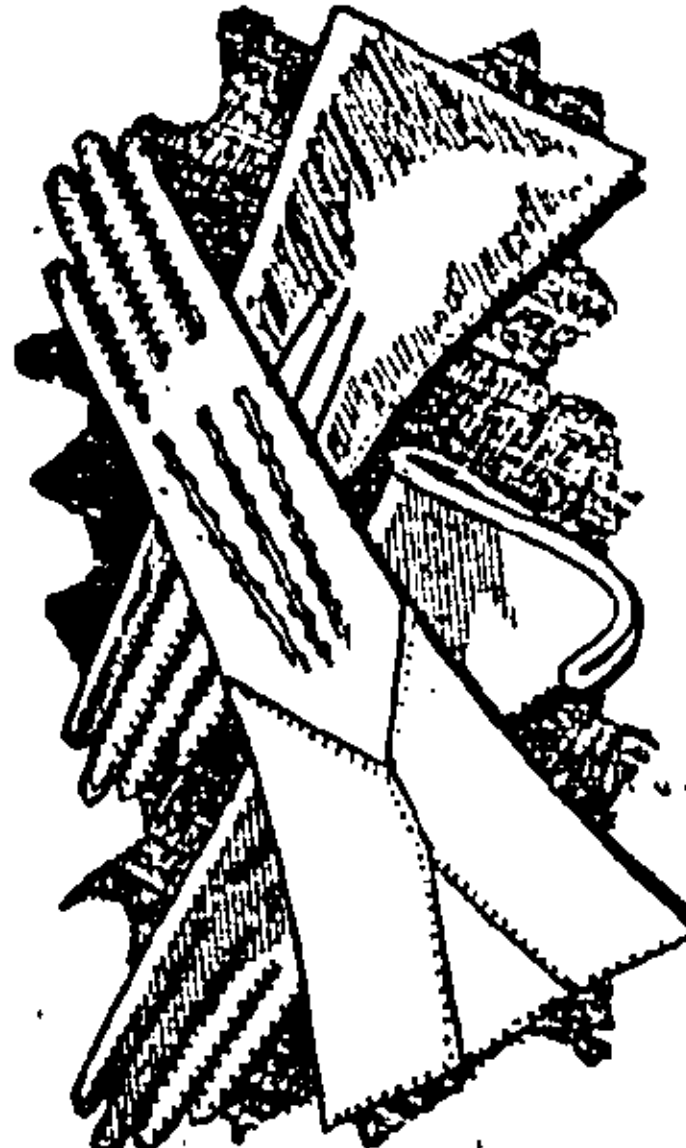
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yesterday's markets:

Further details of the Whitney  
insolvency induced selling, which,  
however, later dried up. Allied  
shares were bought on the basis of  
the moderate freight rate increase.  
More encouraging reports have been  
received from the automobile ceres.  
Quick action is expected on the  
Bill. Rayon weavers' activity is the  
highest since October last. Electricity  
production has reached the lowest  
point since July, 1936. Gasoline  
stocks have reached a record high  
level. The market is worried over  
the French crisis. Rail men regard  
the increase in freight rates as  
inadequate.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent  
cables:

Stocks: The market continues to  
net well despite unfavourable news.  
We believe that trading rallies are  
in prospect.

Cotton: There has been no ap-  
preciable Bombay selling and this,  
together with lightness of hedging,  
stended a very narrow market.  
There are further Washington reports  
to the effect that the Government is  
seeking to lift the general price  
level, but no plan has been an-  
nounced.

Wheat: The excellent general  
rains in the South-West and in-  
creased private crop estimates are  
affecting sentiment and discouraging  
support.

Corn: Large clearances are ex-  
pected upon the opening of lake  
navigation. The market is very  
steady. Exports to-day totalled 300,  
000 bushels.

Rubber: January shoe production,  
other than rubber shoes, totalled 25-  
500,000 pairs, which is 4,500,000 pairs  
over the December production.

Sugar: There was some early  
weakness on scattered liquidation  
and on professional selling pressure,  
but prices closed steeper on reports  
that the International Sugar Com-  
mittee will call a meeting within 10  
days and that practically all coun-  
tries have ratified the Sugar  
Agreement. We expect a steady  
market, with the possibility of a  
moderate advance.

	Low	Close
Dow Jones Averages	125.33	125.67
30 Industrials	27.55	27.21
20 Rails	19.00	18.98
40 Utilities	89.53	89.04
11 Commodity Index	53.11	52.83

U.S. COMMODITY  
PRICESLATEST CABLED  
QUOTATIONS

New York, March 9.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	0.07/07	0.10/10
July	0.11/10	0.13/14
Oct.	0.17/19	0.22/22
Dec.	0.20/20	0.23/23
Jan.	0.22/22	0.24
Spot		0.10

New York Rubber

	14.00b/53a	14.37 b
Mar.	14.00b/53a	14.37 b
May	14.50/50	14.62/52
July	14.50/50	14.74b/70a
Sept.	14.50/50	14.82/83
Dec.	14.50/50	14.88 n
Jan.		14.90 n
Spot		1.040 tons.

Chicago Wheat

	80% 700/4	80% 800/4
May	80% 700/4	80% 800/4
July	80% 700/4	80% 800/4
Sept.	80% 700/4	80% 800/4
Tuesday's sales:		19,270,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	50% 700/4	50% 800/4
May	50% 700/4	50% 800/4
July	50% 700/4	50% 800/4
Sept.	50% 700/4	50% 800/4

Winnipeg Wheat

	121/1204	120/120
May	121/1204	120/120
July	112/1124	
Oct.	924/924	

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA  
DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting  
of Shareholders will be held in  
the Offices of the Company, 2  
Queen's Building, Hongkong, on  
Monday, 28th March, 1938, at  
Noon for consideration of the  
Directors' Report and Statement  
of Accounts for the year ending  
31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Trans-  
fer Book will be closed from 12th  
to 28th March, 1938, both days  
inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS,  
E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDIN-  
ARY YEARLY MEETING of the  
Company (since registration) will  
be held at the Hong Kong Hotel,  
Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the  
22nd MARCH, 1938, at 11.30 A.M.  
for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the General Managers  
together with a Statement of  
Accounts for the year ended 31st  
OCTOBER, 1937.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH,  
1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd  
MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1938.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON  
WHARF & GODOWN  
CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the  
Office of Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-  
son & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the  
11th March, 1938, AT 11 A.M., for  
the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors and the  
Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to  
Friday, the 11th March, 1938,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

THE HONGKONG FIRE  
INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary  
General Meeting of Shareholders  
will be held at the Offices of the  
undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th  
March, 1938, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of  
the General Managers, together  
with a statement of Accounts for  
the year ended the 31st December,  
1937.

The Share Register and Trans-  
fer Books will be closed from the  
15th to the 29th March, 1938, both  
days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
CO., LTD.  
General Managers,  
The Hongkong Fire Insurance  
Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES  
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## Steamship

## "MARECHAL JOFFRE"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles  
via ports etc. arrived Hongkong on  
Monday, 7th March, 1938.

Consignees are hereby informed  
that their goods with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables  
are being landed and stored into the  
Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kow-  
loon, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.  
All claims must be sent in to me  
on or before 17th March, 1938, or  
they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be exam-  
ined by the Company's Surveyor  
Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the  
presence of the Consignees at 10.00  
a.m. on Saturday, 12th March, 1938.  
Consignees must have a Revenue  
Officer in attendance when any  
doubtful goods are examined by the  
Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected  
by us in any case whatever.

E. OHL,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

C. 11112 R.  
1938-1939

Sealed Tenders will be received  
at the Royal Naval Hospital, until  
10 a.m. on the 10th. March, 1938,  
from persons desirous of supply-  
ing Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork,  
Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and  
other provisions and necessities,  
for the year ending 31st March,  
1939.

Printed Forms of Tender and  
further particulars can be obtain-  
ed at the R. N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest  
or any tender is reserved.

G. D. G. FERGUSON,  
Surgeon Captain,  
Medical Officer in Charge,  
Royal Naval Hospital,  
Hong Kong,  
10th. March, 1938.

## C. 11112 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS  
of the Sale by Public Auction  
to be held on Monday, the 14th  
day of March, 1938, at 3 p.m.,  
at the Offices of the Public  
Works Department, by Order of  
His Excellency the Governor of  
one Lot of Crown Land at  
Repulse Bay, in the Colony of  
Hong Kong, for a term of 75  
years, with the option of  
renewal at a Crown Rent to be  
fixed by the Surveyor of His  
Majesty the KING, for one  
further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised  
that immediately after the dis-  
posal of the lot the Purchaser  
(if not the applicant) will be  
present at the sale, the sum of  
two hundred dollars, (\$200) in  
cash. This sum will be refund-  
ed on payment of the Purchase  
price.

No. of Lot	Vegetable No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Yds.	Approx. Rental	Approx. Price
1	407	Repulse Bay	As per plan.	1.00	10,000	\$34	\$5,000



S. O. S.

Leung Sai Tor, aged 11, is  
deaf and dumb.

He came up before the  
magistrate for being without  
visible means of subsistence.  
What means could he  
have until he is taught a  
trade and taught how to  
understand and make others  
understand him? So we are  
putting him into the Deaf  
and Dumb School.

Is there anyone who  
would maintain this little  
outcast—it only costs \$7  
per month.

HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN  
Room 205, Bank of East Asia  
Building.

## EXCHANGE

	Selling	Buying
T.T. London	1s. 2 3/4	1s. 2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	104 1/2	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore	53	53
T.T. Japan	100 1/2	100 1/2
T.T. India	82	82
T.T. U.S.A.	31	31
T.T. Manila	52 1/2	52 1/2
T.T. Batavia	149 1/2	149 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	96 1/2	96 1/2
T.T. Saigon	70 1/2	70 1/2
T.T. France	133 1/2	133 1/2
T.T. Germany	10 1/2	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	10 1/2	10 1/2
T.T. Australia	1 1/2	1 1/2
4 m/s L/c London	1/34	1/34
4 m/s D/P do.	1/34	1/34
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	31 1/2	31 1/2
30 d/s India	63 1/2	63 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	8.01 1/2	8.01 1/2

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FRERES

## HIGH CLASS JEWELLERS

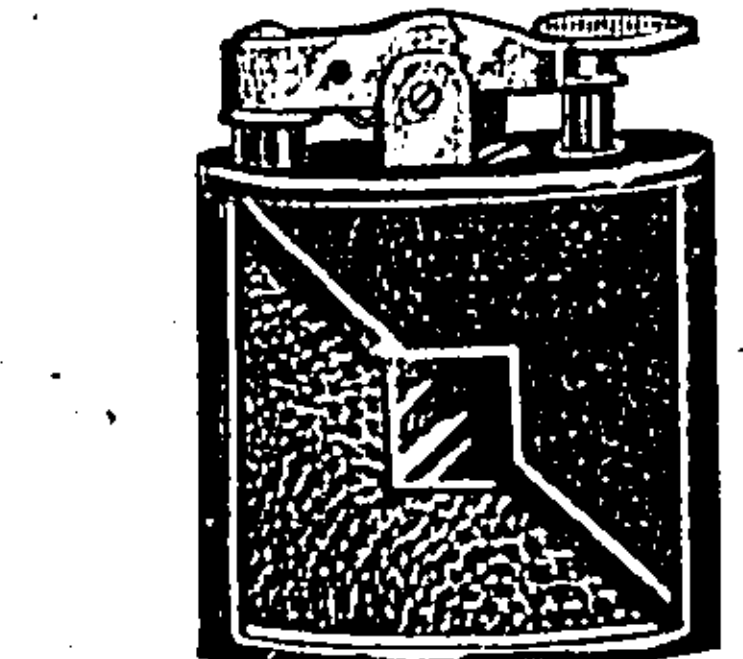
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Pedder Street

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DIAMOND RINGS  
DIAMOND WATCHES  
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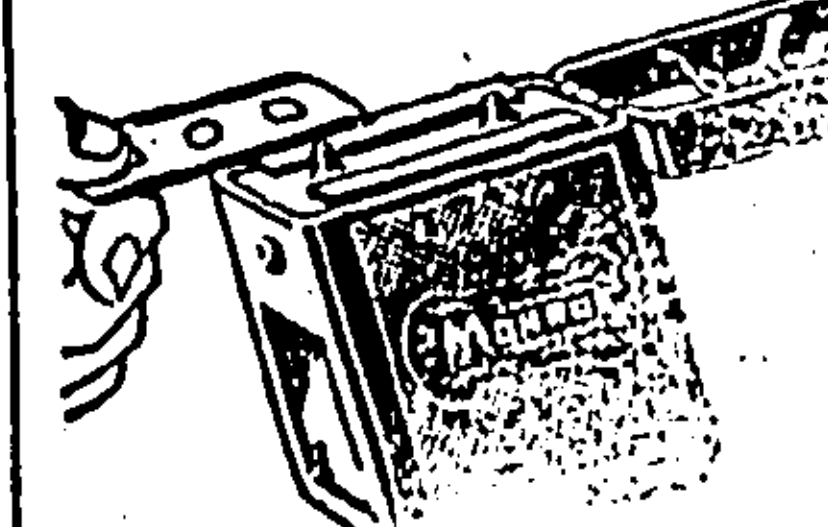


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RONSON DE-LIGHT  
THE WORLD'S GREATEST LIGHTER

The Biggest  
SHAVING  
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In 40 Years.

MONROE MAGNETIC  
SHARPENER

An instantaneous, automatic  
sharpener, in which a powerful  
magnet takes the place of all  
stropping, honing or crank-  
turning, and brings you swifter,  
cooler, smoother shaves than  
men have ever known.

LETTERS TO THE  
EDITOR

## Increase of Rents

Sir,—In September last, the Kow-  
loon Residents' Association in pub-  
lishing the account of a meeting of  
the General Committee, invited all  
Kowloon residents who felt that they  
had been unjustly treated by their  
landlords to communicate with the  
Hon. Secretary. In reply the Asso-  
ciation received one letter only, and  
this complained of an increase of  
rent from \$80 to \$90 per month.

In view of the recent letters on  
this subject which have appeared in  
your columns, and of the discussion  
which occurred at the Annual Gen-  
eral Meeting of the Association last  
Friday, the General Committee have  
decided to make a further effort to  
obtain specific information regard-  
ing unjust raising of rent and eviction  
of tenants. May I therefore draw  
the attention of your readers to an  
"questionnaire" advertised on an-  
other page, and invite all who are  
interested in this matter to complete  
and forward the same to me at their  
earliest convenience?

The Committee would also be  
grateful if persons, having definite  
knowledge of cases of unscrupulous  
eviction of tenants (who perhaps are  
unable themselves to write), will be  
good enough to bring them to the  
notice of the Association.

H. BALDWIN,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Kowloon Residents' Association.

## Kowloon Bus Service

Sir,—One feels somewhat diffident  
in these strenuous times to criticise  
any of our public services, but my  
experience of this morning was  
particularly annoying, and perhaps  
there may be other residents in the  
Gramplan Road and Prince Edward  
Road districts who would care to join  
in a word of protest to the Kowloon  
Motor Bus Company.

I was at the bus stop opposite the  
Gramplan Road at about 8.15 a.m.  
to catch the No. 6 bus to the Star  
Ferry. The 8.15 bus came by but  
showed the red sign "Bus Full" and  
did not stop. The 8.20 bus did the  
same and so did the 8.25, and it was  
not until the 8.30 a.m. bus that we  
were able to squeeze in—a wait of  
15 minutes in the rain. The 8.30  
a.m. bus should ordinarily connect  
with the 8.30 a.m. ferry, landing on  
the Hongkong side at 9 a.m., but on  
arrival at the Kowloon Ferry Wharf,  
we found we were just in time to see  
the ferry pull out, and had to wait  
for the 8.55 a.m. ferry. The result  
of all this was that, instead of getting  
to the office at 8.45 a.m. with flying  
colours as I had hoped, I did not get  
there until 9.05, feeling like an old  
sinner, and I am wondering if the  
Kowloon Motor Bus Co. can regard  
this as a compliment to their service.

The trouble seems to be that, due  
to the recent reduction to five cents  
for the ride from Kowloon City to  
Mongkok, this section of the route is  
jammed, particularly during the  
rush hours. As the crowd gets off  
the bus at Mongkok, the office goes  
on Nathan Road are not gravely in-  
convenienced, especially as they  
have the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 7 buses  
to fall back on. With the withdrawal  
of the No. 10 bus from the Star  
Ferry service this month, residents  
on Gramplan Road and Prince Ed-  
ward Road have only the No. 6 bus  
available to them, and with the  
crowds that get on at the Kowloon  
City Terminus and the rush  
hours present a dilemma.

W. H. P.

STOCK MARKET  
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange  
official summary issued yesterday at  
12.30 p.m. states:

During the short session the mar-  
ket ruled firm, there being a gen-  
eral all-round enquiry. At the close  
buyers predominated, and quotations  
in most instances showed gains on  
the opening. Cements were dealt  
in up to \$18.30, Hotels at \$7.10, Dairy  
Farms at \$26, Telephones (Old) at  
\$28, Providents (Old) at \$3 1/2, China  
Lights (Old) \$12 1/2 and China Under-  
writers at \$2.10.

	Buyers
Union Insurance	\$330
China Underwriters	\$1 1/2
Union	\$2.40
H.K. & W. Docks	\$137
H.K. & W. Docks	\$24 1/2
Providents (Old)	\$3.40
Providents (New)	\$1.40
H. & S. Hotels	\$8.90
H.K. Lands	\$8.90
Humphreys	\$14
Chinese Estates	\$20
H.K. Tramway	\$4.40
Peak Tram (Old)	\$7
Star Ferry	\$8 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$12.30
China Lights (New)	\$9 1/2
H.K. Electric	\$8 1/2
Telephones (New)	\$10.90
Cement	\$17.90
Dairy Farms	\$25.85
Watsons	\$24
Wong Pong	\$1.40
Constructions	\$1 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	104 1/2 pm.
Wallace Harpers	
Canton Insurance	\$775
Union	\$20
Providents (Old)	\$3 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$12 1/2
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Marmans (H.K.)	4/6
Hongkong Bank	\$1.05
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Taking Cargo on through bills of lading for STRAITS, JAVA & SUMATRA, Ceylon, India, Persian Gulf, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Queensland ports, Red Sea, Egypt, Europe, etc.

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All vessels may call at any ports on or off the route, and the route and all sailings are subject to change of deviation with or without notice.

Steamers	Tons	From HK about	Destination
KAISAR-I-HIND	11,000	19th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	20th Mar.	B'ny, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull
NALDERA	16,000	2nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	10th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd Apr.	B'ny, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull
RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	7th May	B'ny, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull
CORFU	14,500	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,000	21st May	B'ny, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull

\* Cargo only. † Calls Casablanca. All vessels may call at Malta.

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILING (SOUTH)

TALMA	10,000	12th Mar.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	10,000	10 am.	10 am. Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SIRDIANA	8,000	17th Mar.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	8,000	9th Apr.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	23rd Apr.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
SANTHA	8,000	7th May	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.

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## BRITISH INDIA APCAR SAILINGS (SOUTH)

NANKIN	7,000	2nd Apr.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
NELLORE	7,000	30th Apr.	Melbourne & Hobart.
INDIA	7,000	3rd June	

Regular monthly sailings from HK to Shanghai & Japan & HK to Australia. Hong Kong to Sydney—19 days.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

SHIRALA	8,000	17th Mar.	Amoy & Japan.
RANPURA	17,000	10th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
*BHUTAN	6,000	10th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
*BEHAR	6,000	28th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	31st Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
TILAWA	10,000	1st Apr.	Amoy & Japan.
NELLORE	7,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.

\* Cargo only.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice. Parcels on the day previous to sailing.

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San Francisco via Japan Ports & Honolulu.

Tatsuta Maru (From Kobe) Tues., 22nd March

Titibu Maru ..... Sat., 9th Apr.

Seattle & Vancouver (Starts from Kobe).

Heian Maru ..... Mon., 14th March

New York via Panama.

†Keio Maru ..... Sat., 9th Apr.

South America (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

Heio Maru (From Hongkong) Mon., 14th March

London, Marseilles, Antwerp & Rotterdam.

Suwa Maru ..... Sat., 12th March

Terukuni Maru ..... Fri., 25th March

Liverpool via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus,

and Marseilles.

Sydney & Melbourne via Manila & Ports.

Atsuta Maru ..... Sat., 26th March

\*Neptuna (Via Saigon & Ports) Wed., 16th March

Bombay via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

†Ryugo Maru (Omit Penang) Wed., 9th March

Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

†Malacca Maru ..... Sat., 12th March

Kobe & Yokohama. (Omitting Shanghai)

Haruna Maru ..... Fri., 11th March

Kitano Maru ..... Fri., 18th March

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## HONGKONG-CHUNGKING TIME TABLE

Direct Service (Via Hankow until further notice.)

NORTH BOUND (Read Down) SOUTH BOUND (Read Up)

Tues. Fri.	STATION	Mon. Thurs.
(DC-2) 8.00	Lv HONGKONG Ar	(DC-2) 14.00
14.00	Ar CHUNGKING Lv	8.00

## HANKOW-CHENG TU TIME TABLE

WEST BOUND (Read Down) EAST BOUND (Read Up)

Mon. Wed. Fri.	Sun. Thu. Sat.	STATION	Sun. Thu. Sat.	Mon. Wed. Fri.
(DC-2) 11.45	(Loening) 8.00	Lv HANKOW Ar	(Loening) 17.10	(DC-2) 11.15
	9.40	Lv SHANGHAI Lv	15.45	
	10.40	Lv CHANG Lv	14.45	
	12.00	Lv WANSIEN Lv	12.25	
15.00	14.40	Ar CHUNGKING Lv	10.30	8.00

Mon. Wed. Fri.	Sun. Thu. Sat.	STATION	Sun. Mon. Wed. Fri.
(Sinson) 15.10	(Sinson) 17.10	Lv CHUNGKING Ar	(Sinson) 10.00
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7.10 Light Orchestral.

Les Saltimbanques—Overture (Louis Ganne)....Orchestra, Symphonique du Lulella Wagram Cond. by Fernand Heurteur; Preludium (Jarnet), Berceuse (Jarnet)....

John Barbirolli and His Orchestra; Indian Love Call ("Rose-Marie")....

Primo Unit (W. Sanderson)....De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra; A

Tadpole Night At The Hungaria....

Played by Colombo's Tziganes.

7.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.40 Studio—Lee Wong (Vocal) and Doreen Ma (Piano).

1. You Can't Run Away From Love To-night—Lee Wong; 2. You

Showed Me The Way—Doreen Ma; 3. You're A Sweetheart—Lee Wong;

4. Medley—Doreen Ma; 5. Stardust On The Moon—Lee Wong; 6. You're

My Desire—Doreen Ma.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.02 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11.0 Close down.

8.05 Variety.

Dance Orch.—Hot Pie—Third Helping....The Six Swingers, Directed by George Scott Wood; Piano—

Blossoms On Broadway (From the film), Remember Me? (Film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air")....Leslie Hut-

chinson; Accordion Music—My Rhythm (Mancousius), Wind And Waves (Zander)....Jungher's Acc-

ordion Melodians; Vocal—Clavellio Del Genil (Romero), Flor Del Mal

(Padilla-Montesinos)....Raquel Muller with Orchestra; Accordion Band

—You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret

—Primo Scala's Accordion Band (Vocal Chorus by Ralph Silvester).

8.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog."

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9.0 Orchestral Music.

Le Carnaval Romain—Overture (Berlioz, Op. 9)....Sir Hamilton

Barry Conducting The Halle Orchestra; "Pompeii Point"—Overture

(Walton)....The BBC Symphony Orchestra. Conductor, Adrian Boult.

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs."

A talk by The Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.E.M.G., K.B.E.

9.30 London Relay—"The News."

9.50 Richard Crooks (Tenor).

O Song Divine (Arthur St. Yves—Gordon Temple), A Dream Of Paradise

(Claude Lyttleton—Hamilton Gray), Springtime Reminds Me Of You

(Routier & Jurman).

10.0 Ballade—Faure, Op. 19.

Played by Mme. Marguerite Long; (Piano) with Orchestra Conducted by Philippe Gaubert.

11.16 Light Orchestra & Dance Music.

Orchestra—Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Rixner); Barabas

Blue Skies (Rixner); Barabas The Von Geary And His Orchestra; Dance

Orch.—Star Dust On The Moon—Fox Trot, Turn Off The Moon—Quick

Step (From the film)....Len Newbury and His Cascades of Rhythm;

Dance Orch.—Runnin' Wild—Fox Trot....Quintette of the Hot Club of

France, (Django Reinhardt—Guitar and Stephens, Grappelly—Violin).

## MISSION ENTERED

Japanese Scale Walls Of Methodist Hospital

Wuhu, Mar. 4 (delayed).

One Japanese officer, accompanied by a squad of soldiers, with bayonets

fixed, to-day climbed the wall and forced an entrance into the com-

pound of the Methodist Mission's Wuhu General Hospital for the pur-

pose of taking Mrs. Edith Huang, a Chinese woman interned, to their

headquarters for questioning.

The Superintendent of the Hos-

pital, Dr. Robert E. Brown, had previously refused permission for

armed soldiers to enter the compound which is American property, and also

refused to produce Mrs. Huang until the soldiers left or to permit her to

leave the compound unless accompanied by himself and an American

woman missionary, which was finally done.

She was released after a brief questioning at the Japanese head-

quarters where the commanding officer expressed regrets to Dr. Brown

for the incident. He promised that no armed soldiers would enter the

hospital grounds in future.—United Press.

10.35 London Relay—"The Chel-

tenham Gold Cup."

A commentary from Prestbury Park, Cheltenham.

11.0 Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.20 a.m. "Scarecrows." A play by George

Dunning-Gibbie.

8 a.m. Recital by Joy Baughman, (Oboe) and Rudolph Dalmatich (Harpichord).

8.25 a.m. "Empire Exchange." Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and the Colonies.

8.40 a.m. The News and Announcements.

9 a.m. Big Ben. Music in Cuba. A programme of gramophone records.

10.20 a.m. "World Affairs." A talk by the

Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.E.M.G., K.B.E.

10.35 a.m. The BBC Emote Orchestra.

11 a.m. Recital by The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 11.45 a.m.

11.50 a.m. "Friends to Tea." A vest pocket

vaudeville, produced by Ernest Longstaffe.

3 p.m. Big Ben. "Golden Rose." A musical play.

4 p.m. "My Sax and I." Hal Swain.

4.10 p.m. "The Violin Sonata of Corelli"

—Frederick Grinke (Canadian Violinist) and Dorothy Manley (Pianoforte).

4.35 p.m. "World Affairs." A talk by the

Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.E.M.G., K.B.E.

4.50 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 5 p.m.

6.45 p.m. Big Ben. Frank Billo's Brass Quintette.

7.20 p.m. "The Count of Monte Cristo" (Part 2).

7.50 p.m. Light Classical Concert. May

Moore (Soprano).

8.30 p.m. "At the Black Dog." Mr. Wilkes

at home in his own bar-parlour.

9 p.m. Orchestral Music.

9.15 p.m. "World Affairs." A talk by the

Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.E.M.G., K.B.E.

9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 p.m.

2.55 p.m. Opening Announcements.

10 p.m. Big Ben. Pianoforte Recital by

Irma Crowther.

10.25 p.m. Sleepwalking at Cheltenham: The Cheltenham Gold Cup. A commentary from Prestbury Park, Cheltenham.

11 p.m. "The House in the Country." A



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David Carl Taylor (South African Violinist).

Midnight. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m.

12.20 a.m. "Matters of Moment." A talk

by Edward Thompson in a series for

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Beattie (Soprano) and James McCafferty

(Baritone).

12.30 a.m. The Damsel.

2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.

2.20 a.m. Sleepwalking at Cheltenham: The Cheltenham Gold Cup. A commentary from Prestbury Park, Cheltenham.

2.30 a.m. "At the Black Dog." Mr. Wilkes

at home in his own bar-parlour.

3 a.m. The International Salvation Army Staff Band. March (Contralto).

3.45 a.m. Music of George Gerstwin, played by Louis Levy and his Symphony.

4.30 a.m. "The Way of Peace—The Balance of Power." Speaker: The Hon. Harold Nicolson, C.M.G., M.P. Inter-

locutor: Sir Alfred Zimmerman.

5 a.m. Interval.

5.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 5.30 a.m.

5.35 a.m. "Information Received." A play

by Francis Durrbridge.

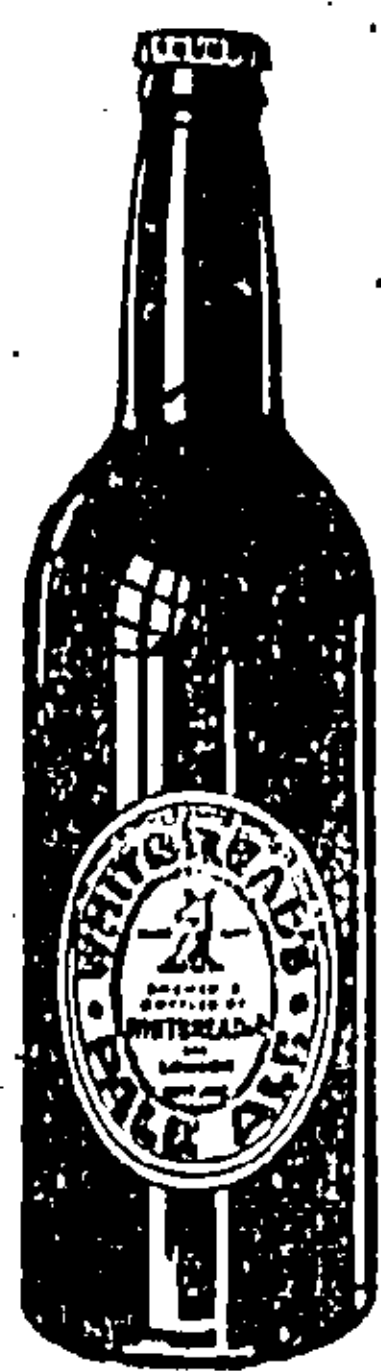
6 a.m. A Short Mid-week Service, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Elliot. From

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6.20 a.m. "Word for Thought." Three short

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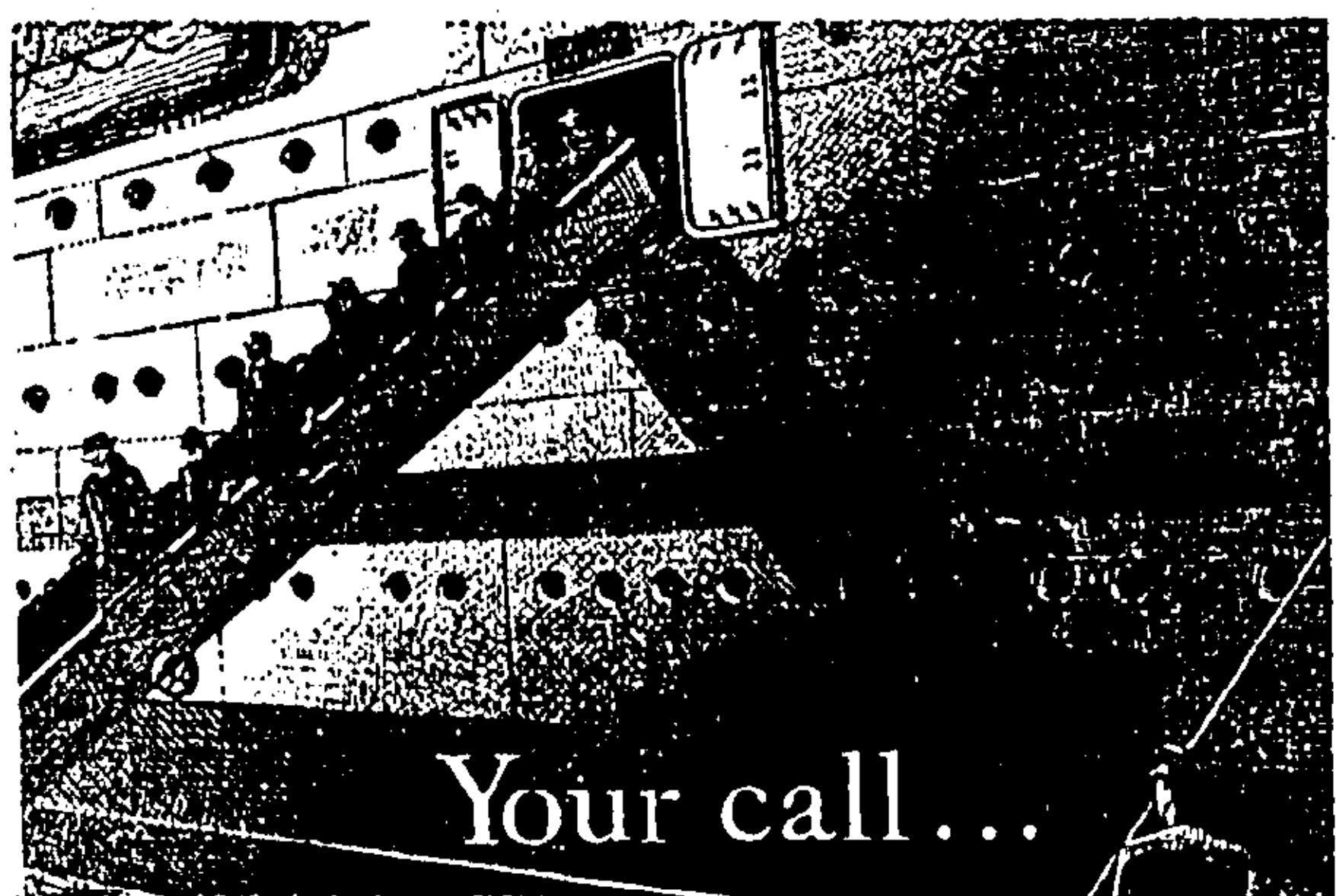
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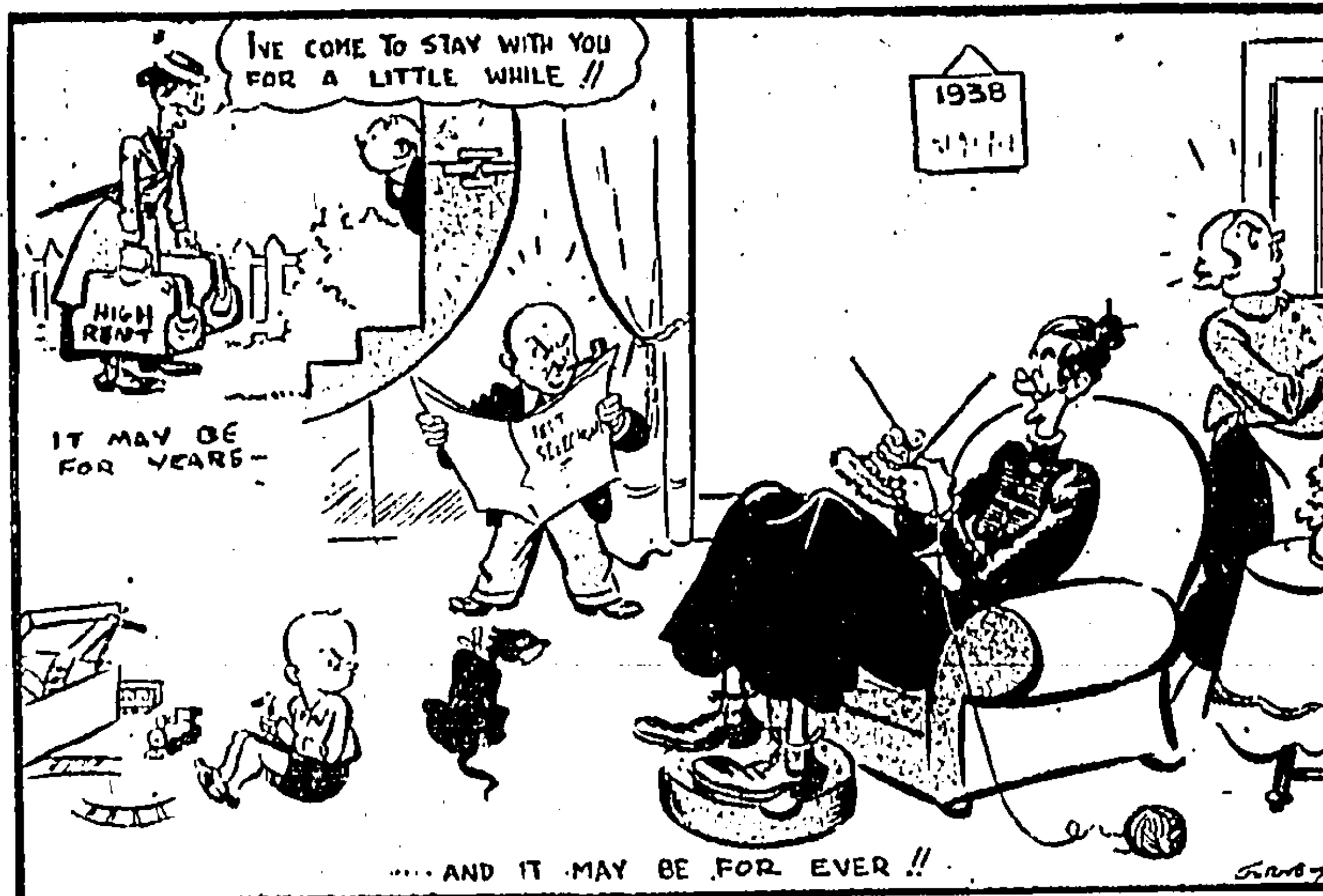
If Mr. Masayuki Tani, the Japanese Minister-at-Large, was correctly quoted yesterday, he made a statement of more than passing importance, indicating a vital change of front regarding Japan's attitude to Britain and her interests in the Far East. For once, a responsible Japanese spokesman forsook what has now become a diplomatic cliché, and said quite plainly that Japan must pay careful attention to the necessity of doing nothing which would violate British interests. Such a pronouncement is practically a *volte face* compared with the scarcely-concealed arrogance of previous observations by Japanese spokesmen. Britain, and especially her nations in the Far East will heartily welcome this changed attitude, and, if it should be accepted with slight reserve by some, it will not be because Britons are wishing it to be anything but a sincere approach towards improved Anglo-Japanese relations. Britain can at least feel that Japan is beginning to appreciate the realities of the situation so far as it concerns the two nations in the Orient.

The Japanese Minister very broadly hints that this change of front is due to the change in the British Foreign Office and an anticipated change of policy on the part of Britain in the Far East. But in view of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's emphatic reiteration that the Foreign Office shuffle does not mean fundamental alteration in foreign policy, it is difficult to know on what basis Japan anticipates that vital change of attitude, which Mr. Tani describes as the "replacement of idealism by realism." Japan would appear to be expecting such far-reaching results from the Anglo-Italian talks now under way, that she believes, or possibly just hopes, that they will be reflected in future relations between Britain and Japan. Perhaps too, Japan is being coached by her anti-Comintern colleagues, who, quite reasonably, do not desire any undue antagonising of Britain when so much in Europe is at stake. The anti-Comintern Pact is something more than an amalgamation against bolshevism. It can be a powerful lever in discussion on all matters affecting Europe and the Far East, and if Italy and Germany are now seriously searching for a general appeasement, neither weapon weakened by the country will be pleased to see its most powerful bargaining aggravating behaviour of one of its members. Whatever conclusions are drawn from Mr. Tani's statement, it can be safely said that any sincere

overture on the part of Japan towards more sympathetic Anglo-Japanese relations will be warmly received, especially in the Far East where the natural tension created by the hostilities in China has been heightened and aggravated by utterances which were, to say the least, disconcerting.—S. A. G.

### CONGRATULATIONS

The decision of His Excellency the Governor to take steps to inquire into the rent problems of this Colony, a determination to see that landlords and tenants get fair treatment, in effect, is to be commended. The newspapers of this Colony have long agitated for some sort of action, and their columns have frequently carried a burden of appeal from those who thought they were being unfairly treated. All this publicity has perhaps helped to bring Government to the realisation that the rents really require investigation and possibly some form of control. It so happened that yesterday the *Telegraph* made a final appeal for consideration of this subject by the authorities; and in the late edition a rather unique coincidence occurred. An editorial suggesting one method of attacking the problem appeared in the same issue that the Government's plan of inquiry was disclosed. To anyone who does not understand the mechanics of a newspaper, this may have seemed a rather ridiculous situation. But it was unavoidable, just the same, for the Government decision came to hand only a few minutes before the paper "went to bed," and the leading article on the same subject was already "tucked away."



### AUNTIE RENT COMES ALONG

—Apologies to Gurney in Melbourne *Herald*

Four commercial planes left Hongkong one day this week. Captain A.O. Pollard suggests that soon

# Everybody Will Travel By Air

I HAVE very little doubt that the first reaction of most people to the above title will be scepticism. "The idea is impossible. We shall never all fly. How absurd to suggest such a thing."

But is it? Supposing that in the early days of wireless telegraphy somebody had written an article, "When we shall all listen in." I think that the general feeling at the time would have been incredulity.

Yet to-day there are more than eight million licensed wireless sets in Great Britain and listening to broadcasts through the ether is world-wide.

There is a strong affinity between wireless and aviation. Each is complementary to the need for adequate communication between aircraft and the ground that radio has developed so rapidly. In return radio is the principal factor in making air travel safe and reliable.

The advent of flying for the million will depend primarily on the safety factor. The man in the street will never be persuaded to regard the aeroplane as a normal means of transport until he is convinced the odds are overwhelmingly in favour of his reaching his destination. History tells us that the general public adopted a similar attitude towards steam locomotion when it was introduced.

### Man with the Red Flag

In 1803 a steam road locomotive invented by Richard Trevithick, which drew a coach at nine miles an hour through the streets of London, was greeted with torrents of abuse to say nothing of the rotten eggs and similar missiles.

So great was the outcry against the newfangled invention that in the interests of safety an Act of Parliament was passed, which forbade any horseless vehicle to travel at more than three miles an hour, and ordained that a man with a red flag should walk in front of it.

Railways were similarly regarded with suspicion in their early days, and did not generally find favour until Queen Victoria set the fashion by travelling from London to Windsor by rail in 1842.

To-day rail travel has reached such a pitch of perfection that on electrically controlled systems such as the Underground an accident due to the human element is virtually impossible.

The "dead man's" handle in the control cabin and the signalling device which automatically cuts off the current after each train has passed enable trains to be run at full speed even when visibility is impaired by thick fog.

### The Road Toll

On the roads the safety factor still leaves considerable room for improvement, although no one can deny that the day of motoring for the multitude is with us. Despite the tremendous toll of life on the roads and an occasional rail disaster, people use railways and mechanically propelled road vehicles as a matter of course, because they have become accustomed to them. The boon of rapid and convenient transportation has nullified the fear of a possible accident.

What has happened in the case of ground transport will eventually take place with aircraft. Increased engine power, which makes it possible for machines to reach their destination with one or more motors out of action, and improved design and construction, enable modern air liners to compare favourably with ground vehicles.

The weather is the principal enemy with which an airman has to contend, and wireless is the weapon with which he fights. Two-way telephony, radio beacons, and directional beams are all playing their part in keeping aircraft on their correct course.

The publicity given to every aeroplane accident, in which only too often bumpy landings resulting in a broken undercarriage are erroneously termed "crash," tends to arouse uneasiness in the public mind, which is insufficiently schooled to distinguish between service flying, in which risks are essential to training; private flying, carried out by individuals who are not necessarily experts; and commercial flying, in which every pilot has attained a high standard of reliability before he is allowed to take control.

With regard to commercial aviation, the Aeronautical Research Committee, an important scientific body, has expressed a considered opinion that "flying machines should be regarded as a safe means of transport."

But whilst there is no doubt that flying is taking its place with railways and steamships as a means of conveyance from point to point, private ownership of aircraft is another matter.

There is as much difference between commercial aviation

### THE "VERY IDEA"

## WE LIKE THIS IDEA OF A NEW MUSEUM

By Eddie Kelly, Prehistoric Man

HONGKONG may soon have a museum.

A suitable place is required to house the many fossils discovered in this Colony.

Local taipans and civil servants may resent the imposition, and it is expected that the Committee of the Hongkong Club is almost sure to complain at Government competition.

Purchase of a first class epidiascope is recommended.

An epidiascope is used for studying moths and other parasites.

It is feared that landlords are too big to be included in the latter category.

The museum is to be air conditioned to prevent dry rot. This will be reserved for a magazine which the Museum curator is to publish each month.

One section will be devoted to fish, which will be neatly placed in roes in glass bottles.

Some fish, such as salmon and sardines, will naturally be kept in their tins, and if the Curator has any unexpected friends in for dinner on Friday nights, he will be assured of a good supply.

There will almost certainly be a numismatic section.

We looked that word up in the dictionary—it means collection of coins. Anyone who tries to collect coins in Hongkong deserves to have what we first thought the word meant.

Learned professors will dig holes all over Hongkong in an effort to find specimens for the archaeological, geological and ethnographical sections.

There are several other similar sections but we refuse to keep on visiting our dictionary every few seconds.

We are considering making several donations of prehistoric articles to the new museum.

There's the winter suit we bought way back in 1929—all it needs is a patch on the part that shines.

An accumulation of letters we have received about a little misunderstanding with the Hongkong Hotel in 1931 is also available for the documentary section.

We notice that the curator is going to get £450 a year.

We might apply for that job. We have good qualifications, for we are always up to some antique or another.

We are now going to excavate a bottle of H.B.

Run along and play now, little children.

and private flying as there is between crossing the Atlantic in the Queen Mary and owning a skiff on the Thames.

People who attempt to visualise a day when paterfamilias will push the family aeroplane out of its garage on to the lawn and take off for a Saturday afternoon flip are doomed to disappointment.

There are technical reasons against a helicopter rising vertically from the ground, and any other type of aircraft requires considerably more than an area of a suburban garden for its take-off.

### As A Matter of Course

There is no parallel between a motor car and an aeroplane. The necessity for using prepared aerodromes for arrival and departure limits the number of aircraft that can be allowed in the air at any time, and entails much stricter regulations to avoid risks of collision than those devised for road traffic.

The closest analogy, if it is possible to compare a two-dimensional vehicle with a three-dimensional one, is between an aeroplane and a boat. Sailing and rowing are open to anyone who cares to go to the nearest water to practise; similarly, flying in power aircraft and gliders is available at a regular aerodrome to everyone who wishes to become a pilot.

To-day Britain leads the world in civilian air route mileage. As time goes on and new generations grow up to whom the aeroplane is no longer a novelty but an ordinary everyday method of rapid communication the travelling public will use the air as a matter of course. In that sense the day when we shall all fly is rapidly approaching.



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## Weekly Hockey Notes By "The Pilgrim"

### C.B.S. "A" Win Brawn Cup Fixture

#### Recreio Loses By Four To Nil

Playing against the Club de Recreio at King's Park last Saturday without the services of two of their best players, Miss M. Booker and



Miss Paddy Pasco has makings of a good goalie. Miss M. Shand, the C.B.S. "A" were victorious by four goals to nil. Beginning in whirlwind style the C.B.S. "A" opened the scoring after 15 minutes play through Miss D. McCaw. A few minutes before half time, Miss J. Bradbury added the second goal. After sides were changed, the Recreio drove hard to equalise but without success, though Miss Remedios, Miss Botelho, and Miss Alves kept the schoolgirls' rear-guard, Miss Paterson and Miss Fallowfield, very busy. During this period Miss Paddy Pasco was called



Miss Mona Shand Her colleagues missed her.

### NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

A player who will be greatly missed by his team mates is Alting, the Y.M.C.A. inside-right. He has left the Colony for good, having been transferred to Medan.

THE Rajputana Rifles are the second team to defeat Macao this season. Both their goals were scored by their short-corner expert, Gopal Ram. The players must have had quite an experience on the return journey as their ship was fog-bound and arrived five hours late.

THE two umpires appointed for the Caer, Clark match between the "Y" Ladies and C.B.A. failed to turn up and great difficulty was experienced by the ladies in securing the services of two other umpires. It is not surprising in view of what happened at the Seven-a-Side Tournament a few months ago when a certain team condemned the officials. The ladies should know better than express their views in the way they did. If any reports are to be made, they should be made to the Umpires' Hockey Board, which makes it a rule to supply the ladies with the best umpires available. I hope some teams have learnt a lesson. If teams behave as some of them do, it will always be difficult to get umpires. Hockey umpires are not paid and my advice to ladies' team is to offer the officials a word of thanks after the game, instead of criticising them.

SCOTLAND'S team had a successful trial at King's Park last Sunday. When the two sides had been chosen and the game was about to commence, no balls could be found and consequently some were borrowed from the Club de Recreio. The Scots have decided that in

upon to defend her charge on numerous occasions, and this she did in a worthy manner. However, the Champions, playing a far more constructive game, went further ahead, Miss D. McCaw scoring two more to complete the "hat-trick." As leader she was the "brain" of the side, displaying a keen sense of judgment and anticipation. Miss Nora Witchell, at centre-half, was in splendid form and played a grand spoiling game.

The Recreio, though a beaten team, struggled on determinedly and the attack was rather unfortunate in finding Miss Pasco in form. Miss M. Roza, on the right wing, did useful work and was well supported by Miss Silva and Miss Gonsalves in the half back line. Miss Riberio and Miss C. Botelho, the backs, found the C.B.S. "A" attack too much for them.

It was a good game and the Recreio ladies gave a very creditable account of themselves in the second half.

### KOWLOON INDIANS' BAD WEEK

#### Beaten By Radio In United Clubs League

The Kowloon Indians T.C. experienced a bad week-end. Travelling to Caroline Hill last Sunday they were taken for a ride and were beaten by the Radio Sports Club 5-1 in the United Clubs League.

From the bully-off, the Radio men pressed and in five minutes Guest found the net with a crisp flick shot off a pass from David Leonard on the right wing. Ten minutes later the same player scored from a short corner hit. Good work by M. H. Hassan at centre-half saw the Radio moving up the field and Gurbachan Singh broke through to pile up a three goal lead for his side, just before the interval arrived.

Again on the resumption the Radio took up the running at once but splendid interceptions by J. Pinto and Malik in the K.I.T.C. half back line broke up many a dangerous move. Hereabouts the K.I.T.C. assumed the initiative and during a continuous attack which lasted for ten minutes, Pyara Singh swept through the opposite defence to beat Rocha with a brilliant goal from a difficult angle.

Finally Radio pressed again and for the rest of the game were again very much on top. Gurbachan Singh net two more goals and David Leonard was unfortunate in not adding the sixth when he was brought down by Ramzan accidentally in the circle.

During the closing stages of the game several positional changes were made by the K.I.T.C. in attack and defence but the opposite defence with Kitchell, Grewal and Hassan gave away no chances. G. Singh and Telok Singh, the inside forwards, played a fine game, proving a great source of danger to the K.I.T.C. David Leonard, the well-known footballer, had some thrilling moments on the right wing, putting in some lovely centres.

The K.I.T.C. had a bad day and were definitely out of practice. They were outdone at their own game of nippy and energetic tackling while their forward movements were also generally countered. Ramzan, in goal, though beaten five times, had a few opportunities to show that he is still a good goalkeeper. Karnail Singh was the safer of the two backs—his partner Aitar Singh spent most of the afternoon in under-mating the ball. Malik was the best half back but he was often run off his feet by the Radio attack. J. Pinto, who changed his place from pivot to inside-right in the second half with the hope of gingering up the attack, was the best of the forwards. The day was hot but a fast pace was maintained throughout.

### BEATEN BY THE POLICE XI

Prior to their defeat against the Radio Sports Club last Sunday, the K.I.T.C. went down on Saturday by 4-2 to the H.K. Police, on the Police Training School ground at Mongkok. The Police led by 3-1 at the interval, Jasbir Singh (2) and Narwant Singh (1) being the scorers.

Pyara Singh was responsible for the K.I.T.C. goal. It was not as good a game as had been expected and on resumption play was more obstructive than constructive and suffered therefore as a spectacle.

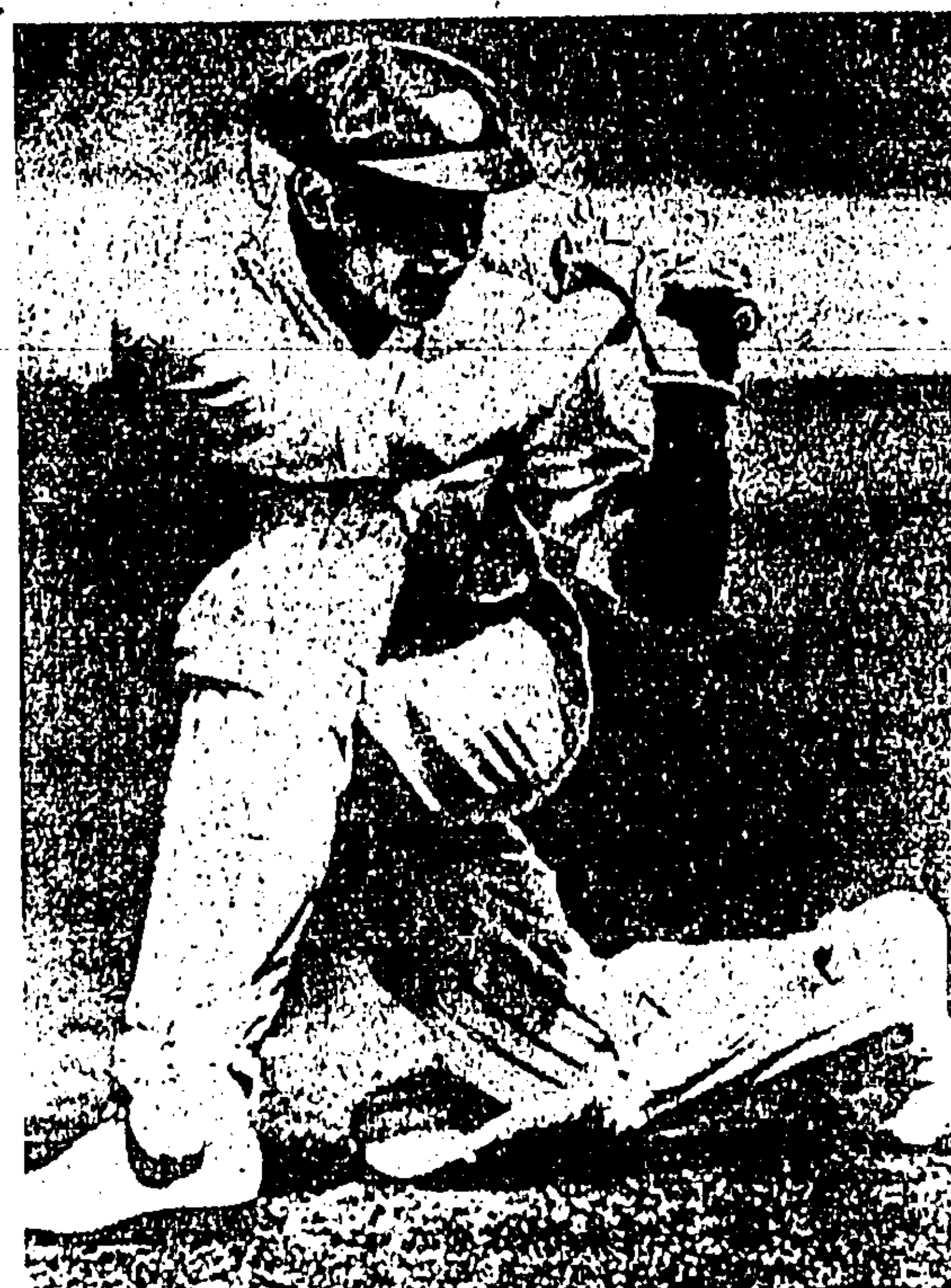
The best goal of the match came from Howlett, the Police' inside-right, when he ran through and sent a rising kick down which left Ramzan standing. Shortly after Pyara Singh reduced the deficit in a solo effort. The Police made several spirited raids just afterwards but Ramzan in goal stopped many dangerous shots from all angles.

Mehar Singh and Brown, in the Police defence, were magnificent and Rothwell in his new position as left-half was a demon for hand work. Howlett, Jasbir Singh and Wall formed a dangerous trio in the attack, with both wingers Teja Singh and Narwant Singh doing well. The K.I.T.C. will have to have more games if they hope to recover their true form.

### Malayan Second-Wicket Partnership Record

Penang, Feb. 26. The Penang Recreation Club defeated the Penang Sports Club by nine wickets on the Esplanade today. The "Rees" declared at 236 for one (S. T. Stewart 101 not out, V. C. Westerhout 125 not out) and in reply the Sports Club made 82 (Noon 17, Carey 10).

Stewart and Westerhout were associated in a record Malayan second wicket partnership, which realised 232 runs. Stewart hit 15 and Westerhout 24 boundaries.



Action picture of Sidney Barnes, New South Wales' all-rounder and "baby" of the Australian sixteen to visit England this summer. He thus obtains his Test chance at 20. The team sailed for England on Tuesday.

## SCRUMMAGING POSER MUST BE TACKLED

By F. G. Blackwell

Most significant about the reports of the Wales v. England Rugby Union International match at Cardiff was the unanimity of adverse criticism regarding the scrummaging and the inability of the half-backs to get the ball in.

Those of us more concerned with Rugby League football will note this with interest, because similar faults have been our bane for many years.

In the Rugby League, the matter is more acute because the average game contains between 60 and 80 scrummages, whereas in a Rugby Union match, the number may not exceed 30 to 40, because the line-out is used to bring the ball into play. The Rugby League, which must cater for the spectacular, cannot afford to have the game held up by these delays. Yet the truth stands out that the Rugby League is no nearer a solution of its scrummaging problem.

A former member of the Rugby League Council, Mr. E. Osborne, has gone so far as to suggest the abolition of the scrum from the game and a reduction in the number of players from 13 to 10. Neither proposal has commanded any measure of official support, but the mere fact that it has been propounded shows the extent to which the problem has exasperated and puzzled many of the best brains.

The rulers of the Rugby League contend that the rules are perfect—if only the players will play to them and referees insist upon their observance.

### ELEMENT OVERLOOKED

In League circles the trouble is attributed to bonuses and points—the excessive keenness produced by the extra money at stake for winning compared with losing money.

Is it not that in framing rules and regulations the authorities, both Union and League, overlook the greatest factor of all—human nature? Probably the last thing the majority of players think about is cheating, yet if the facts be faced, that is the only word which can truthfully be applied to the men responsible for scrummaging faults.

### SIMPLIFY RULES

Sometimes, in the League game especially, it is the half-backs who persist in putting the ball in unfairly. At other times the outside forwards are guilty of feet up, or of hooking for the ball before it is properly in. Then again, the hooker may be guilty of striking for the ball with the wrong foot, of swinging, or of using the loose arm.

My contention has always been in connection with Rugby League scrummaging that the rules should be amended and simplified. They must be made so watertight as to leave nothing to chance—to the discretion of referees, or to the good sportsmanship of the players.

### PRACTICAL REMEDY

The rulers of the Rugby League game are likely to have to continue the search for a scrummaging solution so long as they refuse to try out a remedy so practical as that ex-

## GREGORY MAY YET GO TO ENGLAND

### Recently Sounded By Alan Fairfax

Sydney, N.S.W., Feb. 2. Ross Gregory, young Victorian batsman who just missed selection in the Australian team for England, may yet go aboard.

If he is interested in it, an offer will be made to him to join Sir Julien Cahn's XI in England.

Alan Fairfax, former Australian Test cricketer, who is now representing Sir Julien in Australia, sent Gregory a wire asking him to telephone him as to whether he was interested in going to England.

"A good cricketer, this Gregory," said Fairfax in an interview.

"I am also impressed by the fact that everybody tells me about his fine character and charming modesty."

"I have not yet made Gregory a definite offer. That will depend upon whether he is interested in the idea."

"All I want to know at present," said Fairfax, "is whether Gregory would be interested in going to England. If he is anxious it would be necessary to cable Sir Julien and ask him before I would be in a position to make a definite offer."

Fairfax added that Gregory had telephoned as requested, but after a short discussion nothing was decided. Interviewed in Melbourne, Gregory said whether he would go abroad would depend entirely on the conditions. "Nothing has been decided yet."

plotted by the Rev. Frank Chambers something like 12 years ago.

He persuaded the forwards on the far side of the front row of a scrum-mage to cross their legs before the ball was put in, and the others not to strike for it until it had hit those legs.

Under those conditions the ball was got into scrum at the first attempt, and it was heeled out quickly.

And that is the ideal to be aimed at.

### Tennis Prospects Not Bright

Prospects of play in the Colony Tennis Championships to-day are not very bright at the moment. In view of yesterday's rain and the drizzle which has just commenced, it does not seem likely that the ground will be in a fit condition by this afternoon.

The programme, originally fixed, is as follows:

#### OPEN SINGLES

Cheng Ping-yeung v. F. H. Kwok.  
Lee Wai-tong v. Wei Chung.  
E. C. Fincher v. A. Crawford.  
S. S. Hussain v. H. Owen Hughes.  
Wong Shiu-wing v. Lieut. Commr. R. H. Rump.  
Tsui Yun-pui v. Pang O-lam.  
S. A. Hussain v. H. D. Runjahn.

## Another Tennis "Incident"

### Tilden And Umpire Argue

Singapore, Feb. 25. There was an "incident" at the tennis exhibition matches at the Hays World to-day. "Big Bill" Tilden had an argument with the umpire at the end of the second set of his match with Burke, concerning the score. The umpire left the stand.

Ramillon played fine tennis to-day but the other professionals disappointed somewhat.

Results of the matches played are: Tilden beat Burke, 8-6, 6-4. Ramillon beat Cochet, 6-4, 6-4. Ramillon and Tilden beat Burke and Cochet, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

York City, "giant-killers" in the F.A. Cup this season, bowed to defeat at last at Huddersfield, losing by the odd goal in three in to-day's replay. In the first meeting on Saturday, played at York, the result was a goalless draw.

In the Third Round Scottish Cup replays, Aberdeen fell by the wayside, losing to East Fife, a Second Division team, by two goals to one. The defeat was all the more surprising in view of the fact that Aberdeen were playing at home.

Ayr United, got through to the fourth round at the expense of Greenock. Manchester City, last season's champions, failed badly in their First Division League match against Huddersfield, scoring once against the visitors' six. Brentford's hopes of catching up with the leaders also received a jolt to-day when they were held to a draw of 1-1 by Chelsea.

Aston Villa's success in the F.A. Cup—they are now in the semi-finals—seems to have affected their League form. Playing against the lowly-placed Notts Forest to-day, the Villa lost by the odd goal in three despite the advantage of ground. Notwithstanding this defeat, the Villa players are still in the running for the Second Division championship, however.

Scores:

#### F. A. CUP REPLAY (SIXTH ROUND)

Huddersfield 2 York City 1

#### SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS (THIRD ROUND)

Ayr U. 4 Greenock 1

Aberdeen 1 East Fife 2

#### ENGLISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Manchester C. 1 Middlesbrough 6

Sunderland 3 West Brom. 0

Preston N.E. 0 Leicester 1

Brentford 1 Chelsea 1

#### SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa 1 Notts Forest 2

Plymouth 2 Tottenham 2

—Reuter.

#### AMENDED DRAW IN F.A. CUP

The following is the revised draw of the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, to be played on March 26:

Preston North End v. Aston Villa (at Sheffield).

Huddersfield v. Sunderland (at Blackburn).

#### SCOTTISH CUP'S REVISED DRAW

The amended draw in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup to be played on March 10 is as follows:

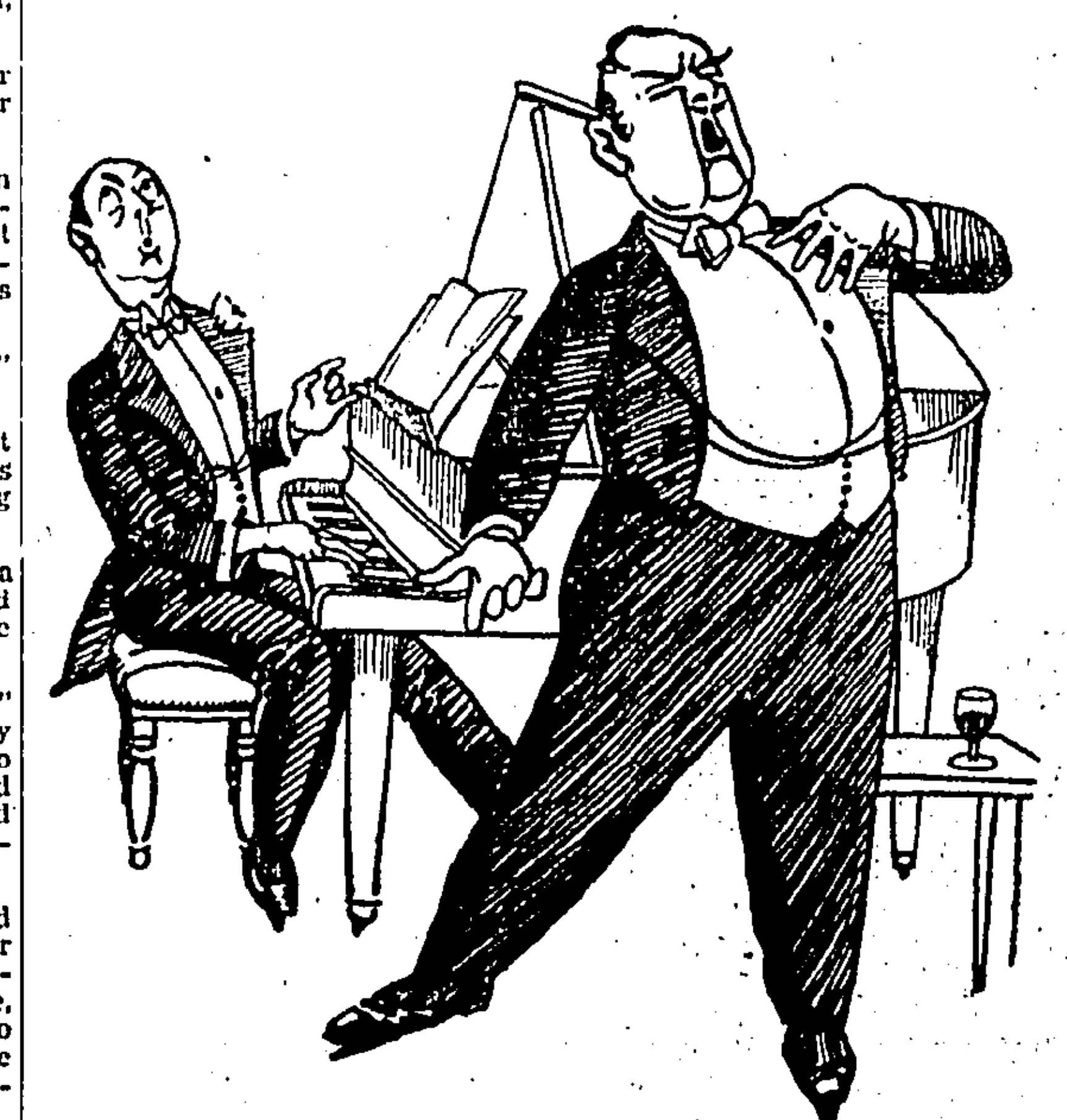
Kilmarnock v. Ayr U.

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Falkirk v. Rangers

East Fife v. Raith R.

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## SPORT ADVTs.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27704) will close at 12.15 p.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21920.

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The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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## TABLE TENNIS

## Leagues To Recommence On March 21

The visit of the Hungarian champions to the Colony caused a break in the programme of the local Table Tennis League, and it has now been arranged to re-commence on March 21.

The Men's Singles League has almost been completed. The remaining matches to decide the championship between Chu Kai-chi, Louis Shek-chung and Shu Shu-kau will be played at the Confucian Club on March 14, 15 and 16.

The following are the entries for the Men's Teams, Women's Teams, and Women's Singles Leagues, which are yet to be completed for:

Men's Teams—Silver Star Music Club, Confucian Club, South China Athletic Association, Chun Shing School, Wah Yan College, Chun Wah School, Sai Nam College, Wai Yeung Young Men's Association, Cross Bones Club, Hol Wah English School, Royal Corps of Signals, Ellis Kadoorie School, Wah Yee School, Chinese Young Men's Cinematic Federation, Canton "Ka Kong" Team, Royal Air Force, Hung Nin Stageplay Federation, and the Chinese Correspondents' team. (Eighteen entries).

Ladies' Teams—South China Athletic Association, S.C.A.A. "B", Silver Star Music Club, Sai Nam College, Ping Yeung Athletic Association, Man Chun Girls' School and the Wah Heung Athletic Association. (Seven entries).

Ladies' Singles—Yeung Wai-pun, Won Wai-heng, Lam Wai-ching, Lor Shau-bing, Lor Shau-king, Yung Hing-wan, Chu Lai-lau, Wan Pui-ching, W. J. Skinner, Ho Shok-yuen, Shu Yeh-heng, Lo Shu-ping, Ng Lian-ger, Chan Mui-yow, Wong Oy-lan and Chu Kau-shan. (Sixteen entries).

## CORINTHIANS SCORE AN EASY WIN

In their first game in Manila to-night the Islington Corinthians scored an overwhelming victory over an All Chinese team, nine goals to nil. The Chinese were unable to get into their stride against the more experienced opponents and play was almost entirely in Chinese territory. Five goals were scored in the first half. Sherwood bagged six during the game.—Reuter.



The nonchalant chap in white is director Raoul Walsh, reading the script of "Hitting a New High," starring Lily Pons. The lion is an actor in the film, which has a jungle sequence. Will the lion eat the director? The lion will not eat the director. This is Hollywood, folks, where lions are tamed.

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## BADMINTON MATCH

### Exhibition By Women At Club de Recreio

The Club de Recreio held a "Ladies Night" last evening, when a programme of badminton matches was given by a team selected from the women members of the Club, who played against picked women players from other Clubs. A large crowd attended.

Prior to the exhibition, a men's doubles match in the second round of the championships was played between F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith and P. H. Wong and C. Au, who won 15-7, 15-9.

In the women's match, the Club won 8-1.

Miss O. Riberio and Miss M. Silva (Recreio) beat Mrs. Stokes and Miss M. Griffiths 21-8; beat Miss U. Khoo and Miss Cheung 24-10; beat Mrs. S. W. Clark and Miss Sommers 21-3. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Riberio beat Mrs. Stokes and Miss Griffiths 21-11; beat Miss Khoo and Miss Cheung 21-9; beat Mrs. Clark and Miss Sommers 21-14.

Miss C. A. Remedios and Mrs. N. Castro beat Mrs. Stokes and Miss Griffiths 21-10; beat Miss Khoo and Miss Cheung 21-13; lost to Mrs. Clark and Miss Sommers 23-24.

## NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

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their next trial, they will pick on a team which will supply the balls!

MR. Wall, the Irish representative, is experiencing great difficulty in raising an Irish team for the International Tournament which is to take place shortly. Will Irishmen in the Colony please get in touch with him, c/o the Yumail Police Station?

THIS evening at 6 p.m., the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association will meet at St. Andrew's Church Hall. Members are requested to attend.

LADIES' League games for Saturday are:

CAER CLARK CUP  
Y.M.C.A. v. St. Andrew's  
(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP  
Y.M.C.A. v. C.B.A.  
(Y. ground, 3 p.m.)

THE St. Andrew's second eleven lost their chance of being runners-up in the Brawn Cup Competition when they went down to the lowly-placed Y.M.C.A. last Saturday by 1-0. The Saints were doing very well until their last three matches when they were unable to field their regular team due to some of the players being on the sick or injured list.

ON Tuesday at Sookunpoo, the Rajputana Rifles defeated the Middlesex Regiment by two goals to one in the Army Large Units Competition. Pritam Nath and Gopal Ram scored for the Rajputana Rifles and Hiscock for the Middlesex.

YESTERDAY on the U.S.R.C. ground, England's team defeated the Rajputana Rifles by 3-2 in a practice match. After the game, the following players were chosen to represent England in the International Tournament—Dobson (R.E.); Stickle (Middlesex); Robinson (R.A.F.); Wetton (R.E.); Brown (Police); Guest (Radnor); S. Divett (Club); G. Fowler (C.B.A.); Dunn (Club); Dunn (Middlesex); and Bond (Club). Reserves: Taylor (C.B.A.); Parker (Police) and Bickford (Club).

THE Army will be sending its strongest team to Macao on Sunday to engage the Portuguese eleven.

## Wind Plays Havoc With Rifle Scores

### Marksmen Awry In Yesterday's Shoot

In spite of rain in the morning by far the largest attendance at the mid-week shoots was the feature of the spoon and practice shoot on the army ranges yesterday.

While the light and clarity were all that could be desired, a strong and variable wind kept scores on a low level, in some cases entirely wrecking them. Rain was experienced at intervals, but was not heavy enough to interfere seriously with shooting.

Scores:

	S.R. (b)	200	500	600	600	600	600	600	600
P.O. Swan (Scr.)	.....	31	33	32	32	32	32	32	32
H. Cory (1)	.....	32	32	31	31	31	31	31	31
Mne. Heather (2)	.....	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Col. Onr. Moody (Scr.)	.....	30	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
F.C.C. Quin (1)	.....	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
C.P.O. Griffin (1)	.....	27	33	30	30	30	30	30	30
Sgt. Hale (Scr.)	.....	31	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Sgt. Hill (1)	.....	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
H. Richards (1)	.....	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Pte. O'Connor (4)	.....	30	31	26	26	26	26	26	26
C.M. Chait (1)	.....	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Surg.-Lt. Mackie (Scr.)	.....	33	30	23	23	23	23	23	23
Capt. Milliken (3)	.....	25	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Pte. Ryan (6)	.....	29	27	24	24	24	24	24	24
S.A.M. Street (3)	.....	29	27	24	24	24	24	24	24
Bdm. Geary (6)	.....	27	28	27	27	27	27	27	27
Lt. Col. Langford (3)	.....	25	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Sgt. Stephens	.....	25	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Dmr. Bollingbrook (4)	.....	25	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
C.M. Chait (1)	.....	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Lt. Col. Baker (3)	.....	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Sgt. Matheson	.....	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Went. Xavier (9)	.....	30	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Cpl. Maghar Singh (13)	.....	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Dmr. Verward (12)	.....	29	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Pte. Baste (13)	.....	29	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Winner of the net spoon.	.....	29	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Winner of handicap spoon.	.....	29	27	27	27	27	27	27	27

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Over 1,100 Enrolled Since Association's Formation

Sufficient time has now elapsed for the losses in individual full membership incurred since the beginning of the year, due mainly to the move of personnel of the services to other stations, to be assessed with some degree of accuracy.

The most pessimistic view possible has been taken, in that it has been assumed that members whose subscriptions expired on December 31, and who have not renewed them, are unlikely to do so. This is certainly a false premise in the case of those of the fleet, who have already joined the Association, and who are serving in ships which have been away from the Colony for some time, so that each such renewal will mean an addition to the figures of membership standing to-day, and which are given below.

On the last day of 1937 individual full membership stood at the largest figure yet attained by the association, 970. This figure had decreased by 282, chiefly for the reasons given above, during January and February in which period members were given the opportunity to renew their subscriptions and such loss, of course, must be ante-dated to January 1 on which date membership had dropped to 388.

Between January 1 and February 28, 50 new members joined, and in less than a week from the latter date, 239 applications for individual full membership were received from the Royal Scots, which arrived at the beginning of the year.

Individual membership therefore increased by 205 between those dates, and yesterday nine further applications reached the secretary, making a total of 304, so far received for 1938.

It will thus be seen that within nine weeks from the beginning of the year, individual membership has grown to such an extent as not only to equal, but to pass that standing on December 31.

The following table is of interest:

	Full members	Total number
Jan. 1, 1936	208	208
Jan. 1, 1937	275	469
Jan. 1, 1938	388	694
Mar. 1, 1938	310	310
Mar. 1, 1937	368	562
Mar. 1, 1936	444	620
Mar. 9, 1938	602	1,168

\* The subscriptions paid in 1935 held good until December 31, 1936, hence there was no fall in membership on January 1 of the latter year.

## VITAL CRICKET LEAGUE GAME

### Craigengower And The Club Pick Strong Teams

Craigengower and the Club have selected strong teams for the vital first division league cricket match at Craigengower on Saturday. Defeat for Craigengower will destroy their chance of becoming champions. The teams are:

Craigengower. — E. Zimmermann (capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esnail, A. B. Hamson, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, F. K. Lee, W. Hong Sing, G. Souza, J. L. Youngs, F. F. Zimmermann, Umpire, G. A. Ladd, Scorer, T. Locke.

Club. — A. W. Hayward (capt.), J. B. H. Leckie, J. H. Fox, L. D. Kilbee, L. T. Rido, H. Owen Hughes, M. F. L. Haymes, H. W. Baines, H. B. Neve, F. A. Dunnnett, A. N. Other.

### Junior Match

The following teams will represent the juniors at the Club ground: Craigengower. — C. W. Lam (capt.), D. Hung, B. R. France, A. Kitchell, G. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, H. P. Lim, A. M. Omar, W. Ropley, G. Winch, A. Zimmermann.

Club. — E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), H. J. Armstrong, R. M. King, R. S. V. Petersen, F. E. Stokes, G. W. Bishop, A. P. Fong, G. E. R. Divett, D. S. Babb, V. Bond, D. S. Babb.



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## THE FIREFLY

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WHAT HAD HAPPENED THURSDAY? Nina was wishing to avoid an impetuous French suitor from whom she has been probing military secrets. Nina, a beautiful young Spanish singer, encourages a flirtation that involves him in a duel with a handsome young Don. Meantime she conspires with the Marquis de Malito and undertakes to go to Bayonne as a government spy. On the way the driver of her coach elicits a host of bandits.

### Chapter Three

"Drive on, hurry!" cried Nina. The driver nodded no urging. He was driving for dear life as the coach rolled from side to side. "They're holding up!" "And, look! There's one behind us!" In the dust, in the distance, a solitary rider was following the coach at top speed. Knowing he could not possibly escape the brigands, the driver pulled the reins to a stop. As the lone rider approached, the driver and the boy put their hands up in sign of surrender. But as he whirled up to the coach in the next moment, the driver doffed his hat and bowed smilingly. Nina was bewildered, unable to believe her Diego.

"You! Nina exclaimed. "It's really me," Don Diego smiled. "I wasn't killed. As a matter of fact, I never got to that duel. I escaped." For a moment the bandits had been forgotten. "Thank heaven you've come!" Nina said. "Come! Do you think I could stay



"The King will leave Madrid soon," he whispered.

away after that kiss?" Don Diego said with passion. "No, I don't think I could. I don't care about that other man. I don't care how many men there are in your life. I care about you. I care about you, right now!" She pointed toward the fast-approaching brigands.

"And if I don't care about them, I do," she exclaimed. Quickly, Nina handed Don Diego, in full sight of the onrushing brigands, her money bag. The leader of the brigands caught this transaction, he yelled for his band to follow the Spaniard. Riding hard, blundering his way through the woods, Don Diego caught up with Nina's coach, which had proceeded along its way to Vittoria. Nina welcomed him warmly, and in the eyes of the driver and the boy, Don Diego was a hero.

Nina's stop in Vittoria was a brief overnight one. Her mission there was to pick up a confidential message from a servant at the inn. The latter was prepared to recognize her. As he brought up her bags and found himself alone with her he whispered:

"The King will leave Madrid soon. It has been arranged for him to stop here in Vittoria before he crosses the border into France. If you get any information you are to send it here, so we can keep him from going any farther."

"And the means of sending it?" "Go to the market place in Bayonne. There will be a man selling chickens and live stock. He will have carrier pigeons ready for you. He will know you if you say 'Vittoria'."

"The problem for Nina now was to escape from Don Diego, whose company, the beautiful young spy could not help admitting, she felt, was becoming increasingly enjoyable. But he might seriously interfere with the carrying out of her mission.

As she prepared to leave for Bayonne, she rose up smilingly to her side she said determinedly: "This has to go good-bye."

"You can't go off this way and leave me stranded," he retorted. "I'm sorry. There are reasons why I can't possibly have anyone with me."

"When am I going to see you again?"

"You go back to Madrid," said Nina, her heart softening, though the lines of her mouth were firm. "When I come back, well... por-

He had followed her to Bayonne. But if she so much as recognized him now, she would ruin the mission on which she had come. A choice, no matter how much it hurt her. As he drew a chair up near her, smiling eagerly, she ignored him, and continued to flirt with Major de Rougemont.

Slipping away to her dressing room amid the wild plaudits of the crowd, Nina waited eagerly. It was only a few moments before the only a few moments before the Major, as bashful as a schoolboy, appeared.

Apologizing for having run off with his hat, Nina assured excitement at an admission that he had come on to Bayonne on personal business for the Emperor.

"As a matter of fact, I've just been made one of his aides," said de Rougemont proudly. "His aide! Let me touch you!" cried Nina, playing her part perfectly. "If you only knew how I feel about Napoleon!"

"I hope you can learn to feel just as warmly about one of his aides," said the Major, thoroughly taken in by her artifice.

In another moment the Major had disclosed the fact that it was his job to handle the forthcoming conference between King Ferdinand and Napoleon, for the alleged purpose of cementing a better international relationship.

"I can't imagine anything better," smiled Nina.

"I agree with you," said the Major. "I think we should set an example ourselves. Shall we start with dinner some time?"

Then, abruptly as a thunderclap, there was a knock at the door. She answered. A huge bunch of roses was carried in, with Don Diego's card. The Major rose in irritation.

Nina saw her prize slipping from her, her country betrayed.

"Tell the gentleman I do not wish to see him, at any time," she said quickly. She turned hurriedly to de Rougemont.

"You were going to say—," she asked nervously.

"I had hoped you might dine with me tomorrow," the Major said, clearing his throat. "There's a delightful café—"

"Don't you think it would be pleasant to sit at table, in your room?" asked Nina.

The Major fell for the bait. He pressed her hand, smiled expectantly and bowed his way out. Nina had won her first victory! But her exultation was mingled with sorrow as she realized she might never see Don Diego again.

(To be continued)

## BOOKS

### PALEFACE ON THE TRAIL

review by  
ROGER PIPPETT

SHADES of Fenimore Cooper and Mayne Reid, the Noble Savage (North American species) is no more! Driven from his hunting grounds, and corralled sadly in reserves, he has become a Quaint Figure. And novelists can safely stage his whooping, war-painted forefathers as the villains of the piece.

But I must admit that Kenneth Roberts has done the staging magnificently in the first three hundred pages of his long tale of adventure set in those critical eighteenth-century days when the British were fighting the French in the swamps and woods south of Quebec (Northwest Passage, Collins, 9s. 6d.).

And he has chosen a white soldier for his villain-hero—Major Robert Rogers of Rogers' Rangers, a huge, ugly myth of a man.

"Why," as one of his sergeants said, "seems like Rogers begun to chase Indians before he was weaned!"

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Like all the legumes, gorse is good on dry soils. There is a double flowered form, *Vicia europaea* f. pl.

"This variety is much the best for garden cultivation as it makes bushy plants, and the double blooms last considerably longer than the single ones. It is obtainable in pots for present planting, and can be used either to cover dry banks or in the mixed shrubbery."

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skeletons and wofling down wild lily-bulbs for food, get through. All this is superbly done. It is so convincing that in the second half, which shows us Rogers' decline and fall against the crowded background of hope deferred in London and treachery on the Great Lakes, the story fades away.

The author has his history pat. We meet or hear of nearly Everybody Who Was Anybody—Hogarth, Burke, Dr. Johnson, Reynolds, Franklin, Garrick, the King. . . . In fact, I almost began to wonder when Captain Coram's foundlings would come trooping in. . . .

But these people and these scenes don't come off. When I finished the book I was left with that earlier vision of a thick-lipped, pouch-eyed man in green buckskin and moccasins, defying

the heavens and beating Nature somehow or other on schedule time. Mr. Roberts has a theory that novelists—rather than historians—can make the past live. He fills the margins of his source books with such rude comments as, "He's a liar. . . . Nuts. . . . Untrue. . . . What an ass!"

Well, *Northwest Passage* has sold over a quarter of a million copies in the States. And those first three hundred pages are unforgettable. Even a Noble Savage (North American species), taking his squaw and her papoose to the pictures, would admit that.

Manchu princes. And then—because economic penetration is not enough and because a unified and powerful China is being achieved despite the Japanese propagandists and their money—war, hideous and undeclared.

For those who comfort themselves with the thought that China is a long way off, there is the memorial which Premier Baron Tanaka is said to have presented to the Emperor in 1927.

"In a certain sense Manchuria and Mongolia are key positions, by holding which we can seize the wealth of the whole of China. After this we shall subjugate India, the South Seas, Asia Minor and Central Asia, and finally Europe."

Which brings us to the three last, and most significant, words in this bravely disconcerting book: "After China, what?" W.

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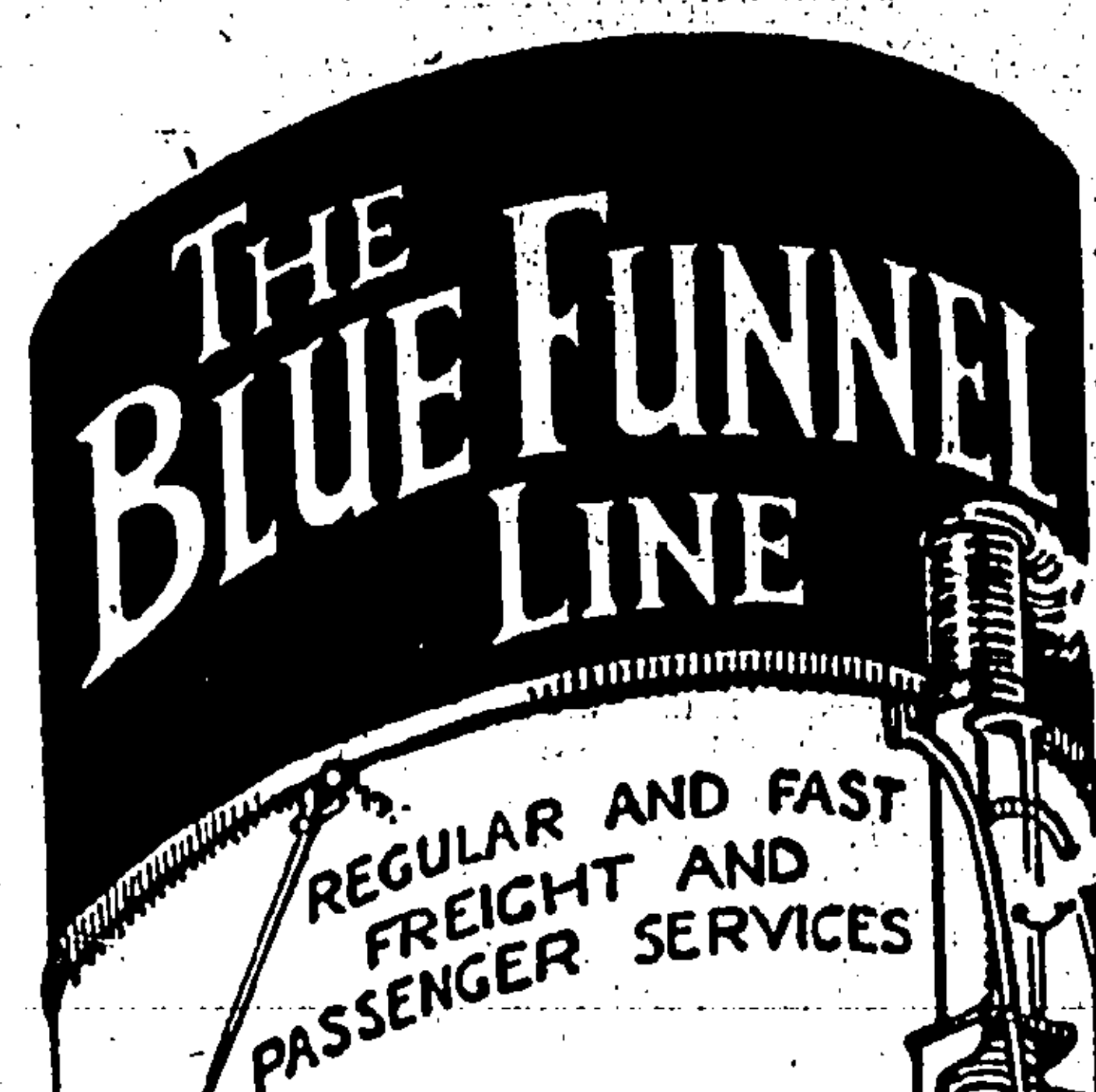
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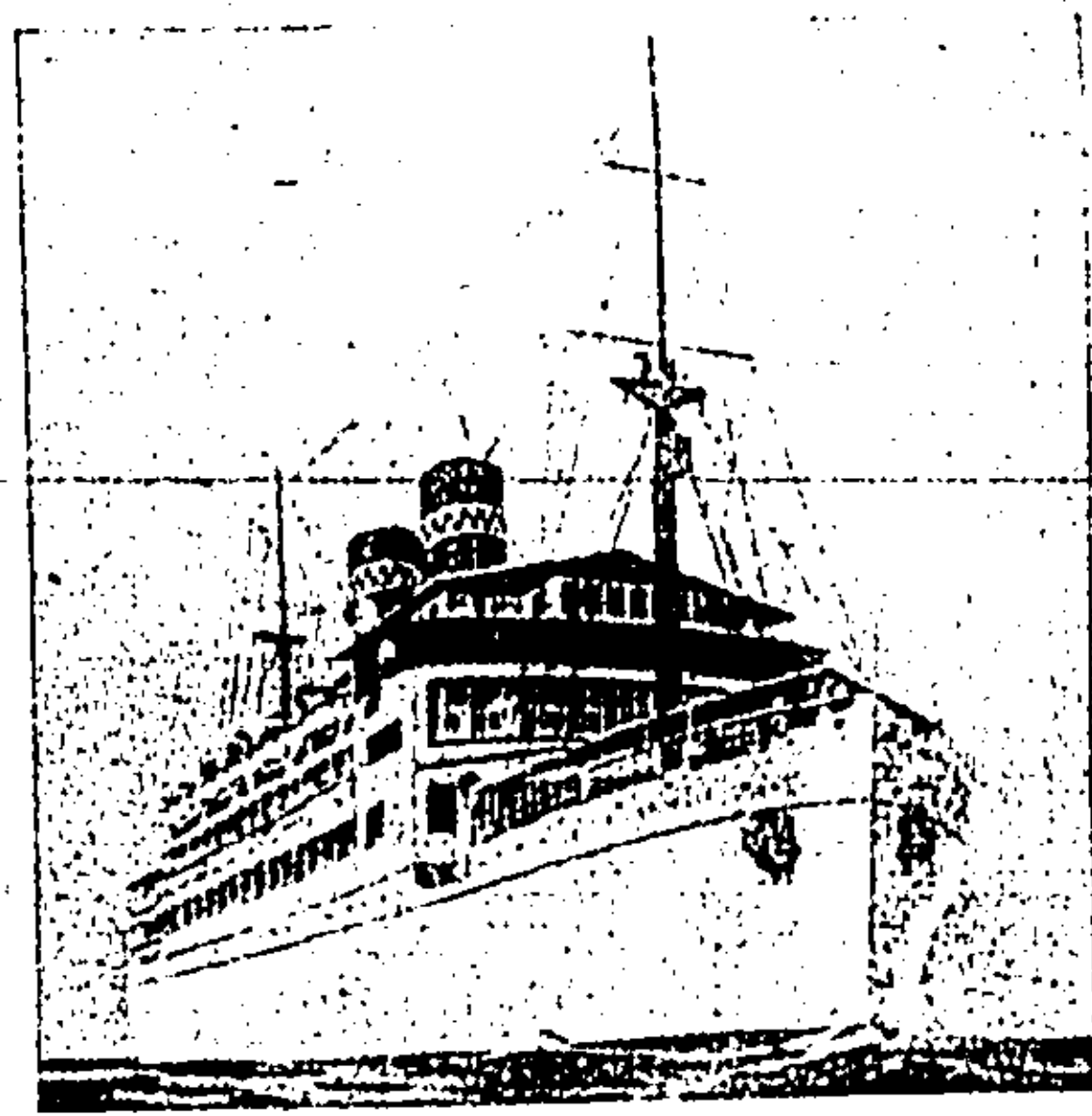
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## HUNGARY'S CABINET RESIGNS

New Ministry Is Quickly Formed

Budapest, Mar. 9.—The Hungarian Cabinet has resigned. The Regent has accepted the resignation of the Cabinet, and has asked the Premier, Dr. Kálmán Darányi to form a new Cabinet.

It is understood that this will differ from the old one only insofar as the Ministers of Finance and Justice, who will not be re-appointed.

These changes are connected with the reconstruction and re-organization plan announced by the Premier on Saturday. The programme is costing £40,000,000 and will be financed principally from a capital levy on fortunes exceeding £2,000.

The new Cabinet includes the Premier, Dr. Darányi, five other members of the old Cabinet, and new Ministers for Agriculture, Justice and Finance, while Herr Bela Imredy, who is at present President of the National Bank, has been appointed a Minister, without portfolio to supervise the country's economic policy, presumably with special reference to the spending of a proposed loan.—Reuter.

## Americans' Sympathies With China

"American sympathies are definitely with China in her struggle with Japan," declared Mr. Alfred Anderson, retired publisher of the Dallas Dispatch, Houston Press and Memphis Press, in an interview yesterday morning.

Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Anderson is making a world tour aboard the Empress of Britain.

Sentiment in American newspapers, he declared, is very much anti-Japanese.

"The Sino-Japanese conflict is one of the major running news stories of the day, and American newspapers can't get enough material from their correspondents in the Orient."

"Although the unofficial boycott of Japanese goods is evident in the United States, I have found, strangely enough, that it is stronger abroad. For instance, during the present tour, I entered a shop in a wayside port and attempted to buy a small curio. The shop-keeper was most reluctant to make a sale, and deprecated the article as one that was 'No good Japanese!'"

## CONVERSATIONS INTERRUPTED

Rome, Mar. 9.—There was no further meeting to-day between Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and it is not believed they will meet again before Friday, after a meeting at 10 p.m. to-morrow of the Fascist Grand Council, which will discuss future Anglo-Italian relations and the question of Italian volunteers in Spain.

Colonel Josef Beck of Poland had his last conversation with Signor Mussolini this afternoon, thousands of feet in the air in Mussolini's private bomber in which the Duce piloted him over the reclaimed Pontine marshes and over Rome.

Colonel Beck will have an interview with Count Ciano to-night and will return to Warsaw to-morrow. It is believed Count Ciano and Colonel Beck have affirmed Italian-Polish common interests in Central Europe, and their desire to see a diminution of tension there. There is no indication whether anything has been said about Poland joining a Five-Power Pact with Britain, Germany, France and Italy.—Reuter.

## BELGIAN SYMPATHIES WITH CHINA

Chungking, Mar. 10.—Sympathetic concern over China's war of resistance to Japan's aggression was expressed in a letter addressed by the Belgian Catholic Workers Union to China.

The letter was handed to the Chinese Legation in Belgium for forwarding to China.—Central News.

**WOUNDED SOLDIERS KILLED**

Hengyang, Mar. 10.—Over 10 wounded soldiers in the base hospital outside the west city gate were killed on the night of March 9, when a part of the building collapsed amidst a heavy snow storm.—Central News.

**STATIONS BOMBED**

Hauchow, Mar. 10.—Tenghsien and Kwankiao stations on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung were bombed by Japanese planes yesterday.

Three bombing machines took part in the raids, dropping over ten bombs at Tenghsien station and three at Kwankiao station.—Central News.

## C. IN C. RETURNS

Vice Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, who has been paying an official call to Singapore, will return to Hongkong in H.M.S. Cumberland at 2 p.m. to-day.

## Shanghai Curfew Extension

Shanghai, Mar. 10.—The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved the extension of the curfew up to 12.30 a.m., making final for the past week. However it now remains for the Shanghai Municipal Police Commissioner and the Commander of the French police to agree to the date on which the extension will become effective, though it is believed the change will be brought about on Saturday.

The first to rejoice will be the cabaret managers who have been operating on curtailed time for several months.—Reuter.

## FRENCH CABINET CRISIS

Paris, Mar. 9.—The Government is not resigning to-night. M. Camille Chautemps, the Premier, will make a declaration to the Chamber at 9.30 to-morrow.—Reuter.

## HOLY SEPULCHRE TO BE RESTORED

Cairo, Mar. 9.—It is understood the Egyptian Government is contributing £30,000 to repair the holy sepulchre at Jerusalem. The Government considers the sepulchre is sacred to Christians and Moslem.—Reuter Bulletin.

## STOP PRESS

## AIR MAIL LATEST

Advice has just been received by Imperial Airways that the Dacalus will arrive in Hongkong between 4.30 and 5 p.m. to-day with incoming mail.

She will depart at 4 a.m. to-morrow and will pick up Delphinus mail, which will leave Bangkok for London on Monday, arriving home on following Sunday and at Brisbane on Wednesday.

An outward mail will close at G.P.O. and K.P.O. at 5 p.m. this evening.

## ARMY OF STUDENTS VISITS CANTON

Canton, Mar. 10.—More than 600 students and teachers of the Peking, Tientsin and Nankai universities are passing through Canton en route to a temporary joint university established in Yunnan. The temporary university will accommodate the students of these three northern universities, as their buildings had been damaged by Japanese planes.

Mayor Tseng gave a reception at the Lingnan University yesterday afternoon to welcome the party. The chancellors of the various universities in Canton attended the reception.—Reuter.

## BRITISH PROTEST TO JAPAN

Censorship Of Mails Resented

London, Mar. 9.—The British Consul-General in Shanghai has addressed a protest to the Japanese Consul-General, and requested that instructions be issued to refrain from censoring British mails, said the Foreign Office Under-Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day, replying to a question by Mr. A. C. Moreing.

Representations on the same subject was made by the Embassy in Tokyo on March 3, added Mr. Butler.

Mr. Moreing asked if the Japanese continued the policy of trying to impose a censorship, would the Government consider re-opening a British post office in Shanghai temporarily to ensure that British mails reach British officials untouched.

Mr. Butler in reply said he would like to await the results of representations made to the Japanese.—Reuter.

## Did Britain Tear Down U.S. Flags?

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Washington, Mar. 9.—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said he was aware Britain had reserved all rights to the Canton and Endenburg Islands. He said there was nothing particularly new in Mr. Chamberlain's statement, and he declined to speculate regarding a possible settlement.

Representative Jenkes asked the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee to ascertain whether the two American flags of the Eclipse Expedition placed on Canton Island had been destroyed, and if so, he asked the committee to demand an apology from Britain.

Mr. Cordell Hull said the State Department had no information on that point.—United Press.

## Warships Participate In Mock Raid

MANOEUVRES IN H.K.

It is now announced that H.M.S. Adventure and three destroyers have been detailed to participate in the forthcoming local manoeuvres as the Naval Force of the "Blue Land", fleet which will attack Hongkong.

Some small craft will assist the military in the defence of "Redland". The Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve will also assist in the defence.

## PRINCE BERNHARD VISITS LONDON

London, Mar. 9.—Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, accompanied by his brother, Prince Ernest, arrived in London to-day for a short private visit. Both dined with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Yesterday afternoon the King and Queen entertained 500 guests at a Garden Party. Queen Mary came over from Marlborough House to attend the function, while, as a special concession the Princess was allowed absence from school in the afternoon.—Reuter Bulletin.

## GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN LONDON

London, Mar. 9.—Fearing communist demonstrations, police took extraordinary precautions when Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop arrived at Victoria Station. The platform was cleared of all unauthorized persons.

Among those who greeted the former Ambassador to London was the Austrian Minister. Large crowds watched the departure from the station, but there were no scenes.—Reuter Bulletin.

## NEW C. IN C. FOR EAST INDIES

London, Mar. 9.—Vice-Admiral James Somerville succeeds Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Station. Vice-Admiral Somerville assumes his command about August 7.—Reuter.

## INSURGENTS START A NEW OFFENSIVE

Saragossa, Mar. 9.—After consolidating gains on the Teruel front, the insurgent offensive started to-day on a 60 miles front near Saragossa. Insurgent planes made a number of raids on Government trenches.—Reuter Bulletin.

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# AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE AT STAKE

## GRAVE CLASHES FORE-RUNNERS OF PLEBISCITE

### Schuschnigg to Stand Or Fall On Result Of Nation-Wide Poll

### NAZI VICTORY WOULD BRING "ANSCHLUSS"

Vienna, Mar. 9.  
Several hundred Nazis were arrested in clashes to-day in which police officers drew their sabres and used rubber truncheons.  
Clashes also occurred between the Nazis and the Patriotic Youth organisation at Innsbruck, and between Nazis and members of the Fatherland Front at Linz, where the Nazis arranged meetings to protest against fixing the age requirement for voting in the plebiscite on the Government's general policy at 24 years of age.  
The Nazis complain that this will lose them 20,000 votes in Upper Austria alone.  
These disturbances were a foretaste of the bitterness with which the country will be torn on the biggest public issue in its history.  
Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg's broadcast left no doubt that the issue is virtually independence or ultimate "Anschluss" with Germany.

"The Berchtesgaden agreement will be carried out, but not one iota more," declared Dr. Schuschnigg. And he added: "I do not want Austria to build up a Fatherland idea on a personal basis or a personal Government. For years we have been challenged to hold a plebiscite. Now the moment has come to prove that we are ready to make a stand for independence. I stand or fall by the success of the Austrian people on Sunday."  
The tone of his speech is interpreted to mean that if a substantial majority say "Yes" Dr. Schuschnigg will be in an unassailable moral position to curb the Nazis, but if the majority, or even a considerable minority like 40 per cent. say "No," he will resign, after which there is no doubt that a Nazi or a semi-Nazi Government would be formed to prepare the way for "Anschluss" with Germany.—Reuter.

### Chancellor's Proclamation

Vienna, Mar. 9.  
A proclamation was issued to-night (Continued on Page 4.)

## HUNGARY'S CABINET RESIGNS

### New Ministry Is Quickly Formed

Budapest, Mar. 9.  
The Hungarian Cabinet has resigned. The Regent has accepted the resignation of the Cabinet, and has asked the Premier, Dr. Kallman Daranyi to form a new Cabinet.  
It is understood that this will differ from the old one only insofar as the Ministers of Finance and Justice, who will not be re-appointed.  
These changes are connected with the reconstruction and re-armament plan announced by the Premier on Saturday. The programme is costing 240,000,000 and will be financed principally from a capital levy on fortunes exceeding £2,000.  
The new Cabinet includes the Premier, Dr. Daranyi, five other members of the old Cabinet, and new Ministers for Agriculture, Justice and Finance, while Herr Bela Imredy who is at present President of the National Bank has been appointed a Minister without portfolio to supervise the country's economic policy, presumably with special reference to the spending of a proposed loan.—Reuter.

## CHAUTEMPS CABINET TO QUIT

### Another Crisis Facing France

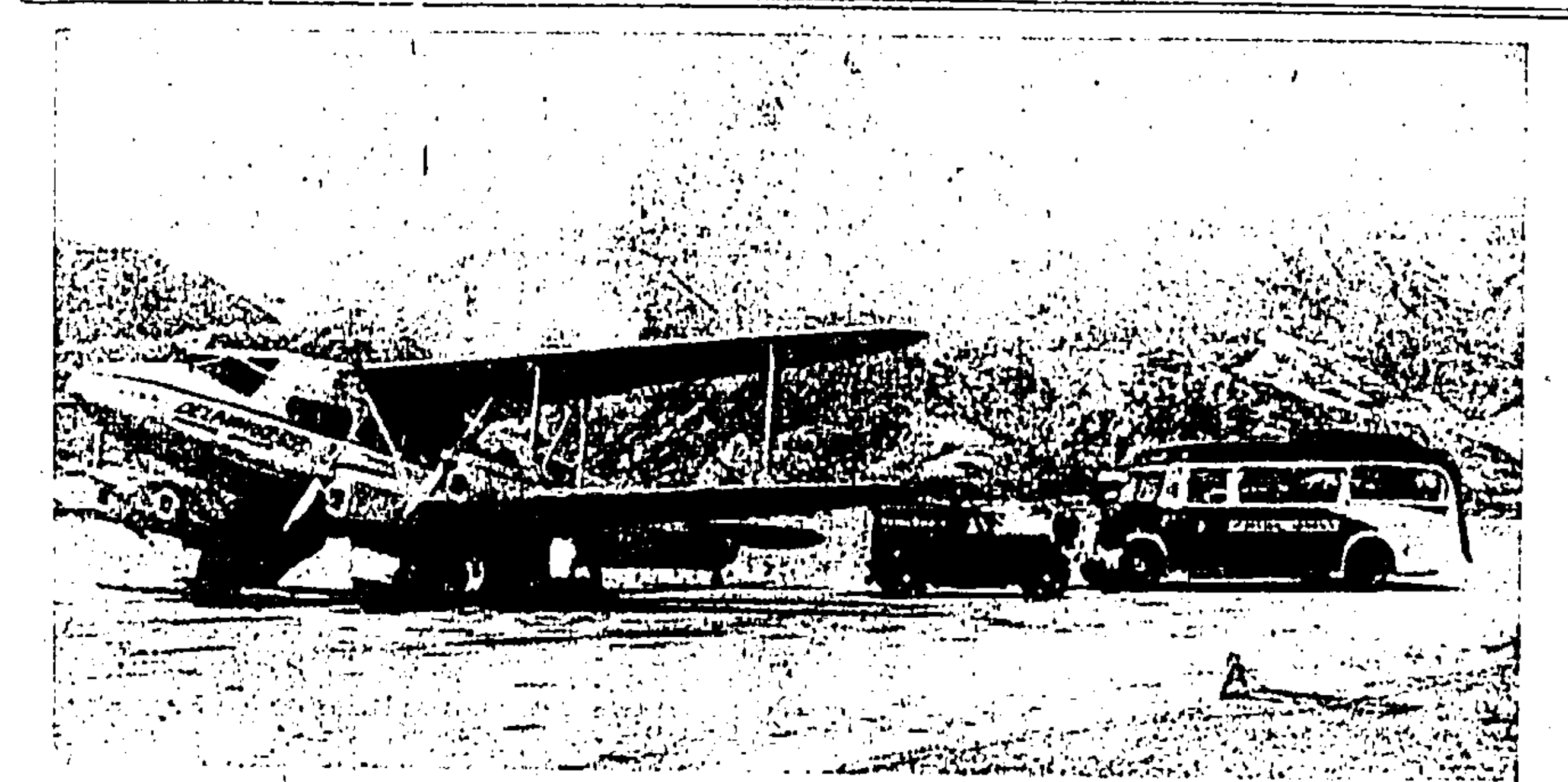
### Revolt In Left Ranks

Paris, Mar. 9.  
M. Camille Chautemps, the Prime Minister, has announced that he is appearing in Parliament to explain the crisis resulting from the Communist and Socialist revolt against a plan of rule by decree.

As soon as he has made his explanation the Cabinet will resign.  
The Cabinet is already prepared to resign. However, M. Chautemps has needed to requests by the Presidents of the Chamber and Senate that he should deliver his explanation prior to taking any action.

Indications are that a new coalition will result, possibly under the leadership of M. Chautemps or M. Leon Blum. It will exclude the Communists, and shift to the Right with the inclusion of the Centre Party.  
A weakened Treasury and the falling franc have forced M. Chautemps to an immediate decision.  
His demands include, firstly, a minimum of Parliamentary opposition to the Government; secondly, powers to rule by decree; thirdly, no new expenditure without receipts meaning a postponement of old age pensions; fourthly, increased production, including a relaxation of the 40-hour week; fifthly, the outlawing of settlement of strikes and compulsory settlement of labour disputes by conciliation and arbitration.  
M. Chautemps said that this programme was necessary due to Government's plans to float a new defence loan.  
It is believed that the current Moscow trials have largely influenced his decision, due to the fact that M. Blum inflamed Communists by per-

## Britain May Compromise In Islands Dispute



IMPERIAL AIRWAYS air-liner Delphinus, which was damaged in landing at Fort Bayard. Outward mail from Hongkong by this air-liner has been delayed until March 14.

## DAEDALUS RUSHING AIR MAIL SOUTH

### Plane Arrives And Leaves To-morrow

The mail stranded at Fort Bayard by the accident there on Tuesday to the Imperial Airways liner Delphinus, is to be picked up by an extra trip made by the Daedalus and will catch the Bangkok connection three days late instead of a week late, as would otherwise have been the case.  
An additional mail is also provided for Hongkong people since up to 10 a.m. to-morrow, the Post Office will accept air mail for the Daedalus which leaves for Bangkok soon after arrival in the morning.  
When the Delphinus crashed in landing arrangements were immediately made for getting the mail to Singapore as soon as possible but since the best that could be done was to catch the Australian connection on Sunday and the London connection on Monday, it was decided to take in another mail from Hongkong on the trip. The Daedalus is therefore making a straight through flight from Bangkok to Hongkong arriving here early to-morrow, weather permitting, and leaving to-morrow for another direct flight except for the brief halt at Fort Bayard.

The Delphinus over-ran the aerodrome at Fort Bayard whilst landing in a heavy rain storm. Although the machine suffered only minor damage, repairs cannot be effected at Fort Bayard until spares are despatched there by air. New propellers and tyres will be sent from Hongkong.  
Until the Delphinus is placed in service again, the normal run between Hongkong and Bangkok will be taken up by the Daedalus.

## Will Ask For Probe Into Air Ministry

London, Mar. 9.  
The Cadman report on civil aviation will be debated in the House of Commons early next week. The opposition leader has given notice that in the debate for the air estimates he will press for a full enquiry into the administration of the Air Ministry in view of what he alleged was growing evidence that all was not well with the administration of the department.—British Wireless.

Publicly criticising the trials in his newspaper.—United Press.

### PUBLIC AROUSED

Paris, Mar. 9.  
The tottering Cabinet has just held an emergency meeting, while workers outside the Matignon Palace were shouting protests against the proposed abandonment of Public Works projects.  
Earlier, M. Camille Chautemps informed the Socialists that his Cabinet would probably resign.—United Press.

## Spanish Planes Attack British Destroyers

London, Mar. 9.  
Replying to a question in the House of Commons the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty confirmed that the destroyers *Blancha* and *Brilliant* were attacked on Sunday night and day by five aircraft, whilst proceeding to investigate the bombing which had taken place near the British steamer *Shakespeare*. The destroyers were not damaged, but the Government took a serious view of such attacks, and a suitable protest was being addressed to the Spanish Government.—British Wireless.

## JAPANESE LOSE 500 AIRCRAFT

### Superiority In Air Claimed By Chinese

Hankow, Mar. 10.  
From the beginning of the hostilities to February 28, the Japanese lost 500 fighting planes, according to an announcement issued by Chinese aviation headquarters.  
Of these 216 were shot down in aerial combat or by Chinese anti-aircraft guns, 130 were destroyed on the ground in the course of Chinese air raids, 67 were destroyed by Chinese ground forces, and the balance damaged so that they later crashed.

The biggest Japanese losses were sustained in August of last year and in February of this year.  
With the arrival of new pursuit planes, the Chinese air force is rapidly gaining mastery of the air which was completely dominated by the Japanese in the early stages of the conflict.  
Recent engagements at Hankow, Nanchang and Canton indicated that Chinese pursuit planes could at last engage the Japanese air craft on even terms.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE BOMB RAILWAY

Chengchow, Mar. 10.  
Peisha and Chungmow stations on the Lunghai Railway were raided by eight Japanese planes yesterday noon.  
The raiders came from the north bank of the Yellow River. After circling over the eastern suburbs of Chengchow, they flew eastward along the Lunghai Railway, dumping 15 explosives at Peisha and eight at Chungmow. Six persons were killed and two wounded, and four houses demolished at Peisha. The bombs dropped at Chungmow caused no damage.—Central News.

## BRITISH RECRUITING INCREASES

London, Mar. 9.  
The intake of recruits for the regular army last week was 231, an increase of 263 over the corresponding week of last year.—British Wireless.

## GERMANS' COLONIAL DEMANDS REJECTED

### British Dominions Take Strong Attitude

London, Mar. 9.  
It is learned that because of the recent changes in the Government, certain Dominions, particularly Australia and New Zealand, have applied strong pressure regarding Mr. Chamberlain's conversations with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, who arrived in London with a heavy police guard to-day.  
It is reliably reported that the Dominions' attitude has virtually made it impossible for concessions to be made to Herr Hitler's demand for unconditional return of German colonies at present under mandate to various members of the Empire.—United Press.

## Making Fleet Ready For Emergencies

London, Mar. 9.  
Replying to a House of Commons question to-day the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty stated that the Admiralty were taking necessary measures to accumulate an adequate reserve of oil fuel for the fleet, and arrangements were being made to provide protection against air attack.  
Mr. Shakespeare also stated in reply to a question that the tonnage of the two capital ships in the 1938 construction programme was still under consideration. He added in reply to a supplementary question that no further information had been received regarding the size of Japanese battleships, projected or being built.—British Wireless.

## STOP - PRESS

### VERNON BARTLETT TO SPEAK OVER ZBW TO-NIGHT

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, the well-known writer and lecturer, who has been making a first-hand study of political affairs in the Far East and is now on his way home to London, will speak over ZBW at 7 o'clock to-night.  
Mr. Bartlett will leave by the Blue Funnel liner *Hector* late this evening for Singapore, and will probably be the remainder of the week in England. (The *Hector* will be in the *Blue Funnel* line.)

## AMICABLE SOLUTION OF DISPUTE WITH AMERICA DESIRABLE

### But Government Won't Be Moved To Surrender By U.S. Move Of "Occupation"

Washington, Mar. 9.  
A usually reliable source states that Great Britain has proposed the joint occupation of Canton Island, at least until the question of sovereignty has been threshed out.

It is anticipated that Great Britain will suggest joint use of the Island for commercial air purposes in view of the large mutual interest held by New Zealand, Australian and American air interests.

It is indicated that Britain will stoutly defend the New Zealand claim to the island in principle, but is disposed to seek a friendly settlement of the dispute in view of the co-operative attitude of British and American commercial air services and the general unrest in the Pacific.

It is believed that President Roosevelt is personally unrelenting regarding the United States claim to sole sovereignty, but other officials are disposed to compromise with Britain.—United Press.

## Recommendations On Mui Tsai Question Expected

London, Mar. 9.  
Questioned in the House of Commons regarding the Hongkong Government's attitude to the majority and minority reports of the Mui Tsai Commission, and when a decision might be expected, the Colonial Secretary said he had not yet received the final recommendations from the Governor, but he understood agreement on the measures which were thought to be desirable and practicable in the circumstances, might soon be reached locally, and that a report might be expected shortly.—British Wireless.

## HONGKONG WAGING WAR ON SMALLPOX

### Mobilising All Forces To Fight Epidemic

The *Telegraph* is authoritatively informed that the Government Medical Department is mobilising all forces in the war against small-pox.  
Dr. R. C. Jones, it is understood, has been appointed to take charge of the campaign against the epidemic which, after a quiescent period has again reached disturbing proportions.  
Under Dr. Jones' direction all services, official and voluntary, will be co-ordinated to tackle the disease on a common front.

## BRITAIN HOLDING ON

London, Mar. 9.  
During the House of Commons question time to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, announced that the United States Government last year contested the validity of the British claim to the Phoenix Group of Islands in which Canton and Enderbury were situated, and declined to recognise an order-in-council of March 18, 1937.

The British Ambassador at Washington was instructed to inform the United States Government that the British Government cannot regard the juridical situation as being in any way affected by their recent action, which included a landing at Canton Island. This Island was effectively occupied by the British Government on August 5, 1937, and an administration officer now resides there.

Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador to Washington, had been instructed to add that the British Government would maintain all rights in the Phoenix Group. Mr. Chamberlain added that it was intended in the immediate future to submit proposals to the United States Government which, he hoped, would serve as a basis for ending the controversy in a manner satisfactory to both parties.—Reuter.

St. John Ambulance Brigade has been asked to co-operate with the Government officials. Daily conferences will probably be held under the chairmanship of Dr. Jones.

One of the first acts in the intensified campaign against the disease will be the issuing of public notices at railway stations and on all incoming ships requesting new arrivals in the Colony to be vaccinated.

The School Medical Officer is to undertake the vaccination of all school-children who have not already been done.

There was a disturbing increase in the number of smallpox cases reported to the health authorities yesterday. Forty-one cases were notified, bringing the total since January 1 to 1,177. Over 800 of these cases have proved fatal.

Thirty-four of yesterday's cases were reported from Victoria, the remaining seven occurring in Kowloon.

In addition to the 41 cases of smallpox, there were five cases of meningitis (three in Victoria, one in Kowloon and one in the Harbour); two cases of typhoid in Kowloon, one case of diphtheria in Kowloon, and one case of measles, also in Kowloon. Shaikwan, Aberdeen, and the New Territories were entirely free of notifiable diseases.



# Peter Kent says: SAVE ME from THESE WOMEN

THE Pavement Hog is usually a rather small, inconspicuous woman who is addicted to day-dreaming in a big way. She is to be found in large numbers in any street where there are shops.

You invariably encounter her on a crowded pavement when you are in a desperate hurry. She is always moving in the same direction as you are. She carries a purse, a large paper bag, three small paper bags, and an umbrella.

YOU are weaving in and out among a sea of pedestrians with some difficulty, when you think you see an opening with a clear, unobstructed run of maybe ten or fifteen yards. You side-step, you avert, you emulate the movements of a ballet dancer. You are almost through when—crash! You have collided with the Pavement Hog.

Of course you failed to spot her, but that is because she is unspotted. She materialises from no-where. One moment the way is clear, the next she is unaccountably there to baulk your progress.

SHE will be trundling gaily along at an even two-and-a-half miles per hour when she will suddenly pull up dead in her tracks. Possibly she just wants a short rest. Or maybe she has caught sight of something in a shop window which has been marked down to two-eleven-three.

But the reason for the unexpected cessation of movement is immaterial. The point is you collide with her. And she gives you a bewildered, pained look as you retrieve her paraphernalia from the pavement.

THE Loud-Speaker is a different sort of pest. She gives warning of her approach. Long before her well-filled-out figure comes within your line of vision you are assailed by a mighty cascade of words. "And I said to Martha, ally. 'My dear,' I said, 'you can't possibly do a thing like that.' And she said collectively. They are all just to me, 'Jane,' she said, 'I can and I Women.

will do it.' So, of course, I simply said. . . . The Loud-Speaker is at her loudest and best when you are sitting on the top of a bus quietly, innocently, assimilating the day's news. Suddenly the silence is shattered by a piercing, nerve-racking wail: "Conductor! Are you sure this is all right for Church-street?"

YOU incline your head slightly, and out of the corner of your eye you catch sight of a large female vainly clutching at a ridiculously small and frightened-looking dog. "Come along, darling," she says. "Let's sit down and recover from our exertions."

She usually makes a rapid recovery. Yours is a rather more leisurely affair.

The Booking Office (or Pay Desk) Lotterer is probably the biggest menace of them all. She never by any possible chance has her money ready and, anyway, she can't count.

"TWO-AND-EIGHT," she exclaims in a surprised tone of voice, as though she had expected it to be seven-pence. "Dear me, I wonder if I've got any change." At this stage, and not before, she begins to open up her handbag with great deliberation and begins an elaborate exploration of the interior. "Let me see, now," she says. "I did have half-a-crown, didn't I? Or did I change it when I bought the ribbon?"

YOU move uneasily from one foot to the other. You glance at your watch. You turn round and look at the queue of people forming up behind you.

"Ah, here we are," she says delightedly. "At least, I think this is right. Two-and-four-pence wasn't it? No? Dear me, I'm afraid I'll have to ask you to change a note—if I can find one, that is." But you have had enough. You gladly forfeit your position in the queue and stamp off blindly in any direction except the right one.

This does not by any means exhaust the list. There are plenty more of them, but it would take too long to describe them all individually. "And I said to Martha, ally. 'My dear,' I said, 'you can't possibly do a thing like that.' And she said collectively. They are all just to me, 'Jane,' she said, 'I can and I Women.

## AT THE PARIS SHOWS

### NIPPED-IN WAISTS AND LOW HIPLINES CHANGE THE SILHOUETTE

#### PARIS TAKES WITH ENTHUSIASM TO OFF THE SHOULDER EVENING GOWNS

(By Jane Gordon)

THE most important Paris dress houses are opening all day long and every day; some of them even give their first dress shows in the evening. Mugsy Rouff's evening dress show was a very grand affair, so grand that the men put on their white ties and tails and the women were jewelled enough for a Court ball.

This is one of the important collections that we shall be seeing in, and it is brimful of originality. The beach clothes include linen shorts with backless tops enlivened by star and heart necklaces. One in white linen has a lapis blue cord necklace from which is hung an enormous blue heart outlined in gold and two flat blue stars.

Trousers for beach wear are mid-calf length with turn-up cuffs; one is red and white striped silk with a white shirt and brilliant green jacket. Beach clothes and tailored suits are fastened with brassy-gold buttons.

#### TIGHT WAISTS

A charming pink and white-striped flannel suit is shown with a brown jumper fastened with a gold button. The tailored jackets are all close fitting and the long tailored coats are of a very severe cut, nipped in round the waist.

Afternoon dresses of navy and black silk jersey materials and flat heavy crepes are pulled tightly round the body from below the bust to a

low hipline with fine gathers or shirring. An ornament shown with almost every one of these dresses takes the form of a nigger's head on a white medallion held by two tiny hands, one in red and one in black. Some of the lighter afternoon dresses in beige, aquamarine and pearl-grey crepe de Chine have fullness from the shoulder down the front of the bodice, which continues down the front of the skirt.

Many of the evening dresses have high necks and long sleeves. White crepes are popular. The dark dresses have sequin embroidery on the bolero jackets. White and gold is used a great deal for evening. There is a whole series of crinoline dresses with tight bodices.

Chanel's collection is very conservative in its day dresses and tailored suits, but goes all romantic in evening clothes. Navy and whites and black and whites, and a curious dried mud brown shade are colours reserved for the day—the dark colours are used for redingote coats over patterned crepe de Chine frocks.

#### ROMANTIC VOGUE

About 60 per cent. of the evening dresses have full skirts of chiffon, tulle, fine lace and net with light-fitting little bodices and the new off-the-shoulder line which is shown with every type of evening gown, including the long clinging sophisticated variety.

A white crepe dress has a little black lace bodice.

#### FLOWER TIARAS

Many of these dresses are worn with tiaras of stiff flowers to match those on the décolletage. White shadow chiffon is used for one frock, with black ribbon threaded round the décolletage and tied in an enormous bow on one shoulder. One brown tulle dress has gold thread barley with long golden stalks embroidered on the skirt.

At Patou all the suit jackets are thigh-length, very tight fitting, and most of them single-breasted. Almost all the skirts are box-pleated, and all the day dresses are made with long tight-fitting tunic bodices, with long light-fitting tunic bodices, and long light-fitting tunic bodices. The materials in all the collections so far are flat surfaced and closely woven. Satins are spotted, silks are brightly striped, and there has been nothing very original in the way of flowers or printed crepe de Chine.

The evening dresses are cut low front and back, fit closely to the hips and then flare out to the ground. Cyclamen, light lapis blue, bright green are the new colours here. Chiffon, tulle and satin are the evening materials, pearl-grey crepe de Chine is used for very smart afternoon frocks, shown with coats of navy blue or black repp.

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## BABY'S FIRST PHOTO

HOW many times have mothers been bitterly disappointed with baby's first picture, blaming the photographer for not having "caught" baby. Even with mothers of families it is astonishing how few have that "picture sense" which will adequately portray baby.

Usually the average mother sees and likes a certain study and decides to have her child taken that way, entirely forgetting that baby may not be that type.

It is impossible to generalise as opinions differ so vastly, but here are one or two reliable suggestions which may prove helpful.

If baby is very young he takes the best picture in his christening robe. He will be reclining of course on a comfortable pillow with a simple lace or embroidered edge.

Both the robe and the pillow case should be carried to the photographers and put on there. This will obviate creases and save "touching up" which always takes character and crispness away from a picture.

When baby is over a year old he has distinct characteristics. These should give you the key to his picture and lead to a delightful study.

On no account "dress him up" for the occasion, but just pack up favourite toys and take him along in an everyday play suit.

#### TO MAKE A NATURAL PICTURE

Let him play naturally on the studio table, catch his attention once or twice and the photographer will have the opportunity of achieving ideal "shots." Thus you will have indelible records of baby as you knew him.

It is well to remember that "warm" colours photograph dark; reds invariably reproduce black, yellows too come out in solid tones. White, of course, is the ideal light colour, and pastel blues or greys also reproduce white.

If baby is a chubby six-monther, don't have him taken without any clothes on. Remember he will grow up and look askance at his small naked self adorning the piano top.

Taking into consideration these small points a successful first portrait may be achieved. If, however, you go to a child photographer who has proved his work, you cannot do better than enlist his sympathies and follow his good advice.



THIS scarlet frieze coat is drawn in tightly at waist with navy patent belt. Buttons match belt. Silk pockets are embroidered with arrow heads.

pipled with brilliant blue over the shoulders.

Yet another example of the new drawn-in waist line is shown in the white silk plique bolero with deep band below. This is worn over a black crepe dress.

A full-skirted dress of bright coral-coloured net has the off-the-shoulder line of heavy gold and coral embroidery.

#### LOVE BIRDS

THERE are some charming debutante dresses among the new Paris creations.

One model is in white crepe de Chine patterned with brightly-coloured love birds sitting in pairs on branches; the dress is cut short and full skirted.

brodery which forms a "Y" at the back of the shoulder.

A very lovely heavy white lace, which looks like the real Point de Venise, is used for two or three dresses, one of which has little extra cuffs of the lace, although it is sleeve-

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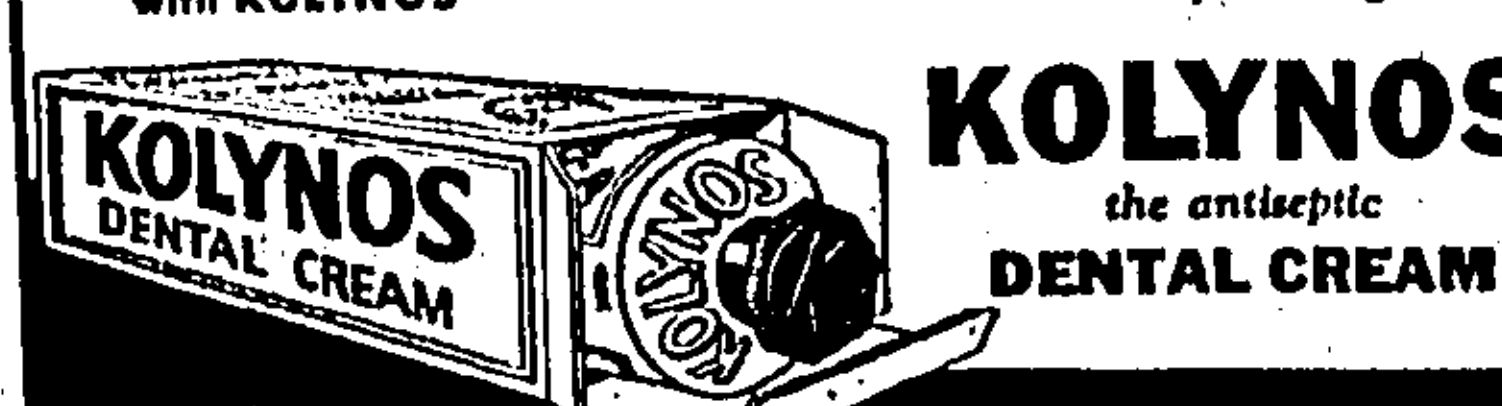
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# Air Battle Fought In Blinding Snowstorm

## DOG FIGHTS AS JAPANESE RAID CHENGCHOW, SIAN

### Chinese Bombers Take To Air In Raids On Japanese Concentration

Hankow, Mar. 10. Reports from the northern war sectors indicate that both the Chinese and Japanese aircraft were very active on March 8, despite blinding snowstorms. Chinese planes raided Japanese military positions in South Shansi, while Japanese machines bombed Chengchow and Sian, the former being raided twice by a total of 17 machines.

The first attack was made by nine planes in the morning, and later in the afternoon another eight machines raided the place.

When the Japanese invaders visited Sian, the Chinese defenders took to the air and engaged the Japanese, who drew off in two groups, one of which the Chinese airmen concentrated upon, and later claimed they had brought down three Japanese machines.—*Reuter*.

Chengchow, Mar. 10. A squadron of Chinese planes flew over the Yellow River and subjected Japanese positions at Fenglingtu to a severe bombing yesterday. The damage can not yet be ascertained.

With their rear menaced by Chinese forces remaining on both sides of the Tatum-Puehlo Railway the Japanese vanguards at Fenglingtu, on the north bank of the Yellow River opposite to Tungkwang, are reported to have been partly withdrawn northward to consolidate their positions.

Japanese batteries at Fenglingtu fired over 100 shells over to the south bank yesterday noon.—*Central News*.

#### RECAPTURE CONFIRMED

Chinkai, Anhwei, Mar. 10. The recapture of Langki and Kao-chun on the Anhwei-Kiangsu border south of the Yangtze River has been confirmed by the arrival here of large numbers of merchants from there. According to these merchants, quiet prevails in these two towns which are now garrisoned by Chinese force. An average of 100 refugees who are natives of Langki and Kiangteh pass through here on their way back

to their native towns every day.—*Central News*.

#### ITALIAN PRIESTS KILLED

Hankow, March 10. A brief message received by the Italian Embassy confirms previous Chinese reports that several members of the Italian Mission on the outskirts of Chengchow were killed and wounded in a raid by Japanese planes on March 8.

The message, which was despatched by the Italian Bishop of Chengchow, states that two Italian priests were killed outright, and other missionaries were wounded.—*Reuter*.

#### SEVEN PLANES DESTROYED

Peiping, Mar. 10. An official Japanese report claims that seven Chinese planes were destroyed on the ground, and 11 shot down in combat during three air raids on Sianfu in Shensi yesterday afternoon. There were no Japanese losses.—*Reuter*.

#### PEASANTS ATTACK JAPANESE

Kwangteh, Mar. 10. Armed with rifles, about 700 Chinese peasant volunteers made a surprise attack on the Japanese troops stationed at Chulinchen, 11 kilometres west of Kintan.

The peasants surrounded the Japanese camps and fought ferociously with the 200 Japanese artillery and infantry men, who were mostly annihilated in a three-hour sanguinary encounter.—*Central News*.

#### ISLANDS CLEARED

Ningpo, Mar. 10. All the 72 islands off the east Chekiang coast are now cleared of Japanese invaders.

The Japanese marines who landed at Ssu Chiao Island and Chang Tu Island were evacuated recently and Chinese forces have reoccupied the islands.

It is said that the shallowness of the water along the coast during the present season accounts principally for the inactivity of the Japanese warships, which have to anchor at least 10 kilometres off the coast.

The landing of large numbers of marines at present, it is pointed out, is not only difficult but also precarious as they can not easily retreat if attacked by the Chinese defenders after landing.

Meanwhile, the Chinese garrison is considerably strengthened the defence works along the coast, taking advantage of the absence of Japanese warships.

The boom at Chinkai, important harbour in Chekiang, is still closed as a precaution.—*Central News*.

## TENNYSON IN COLONY



LORD TENNYSON, who captained England against Australia in 1921, believes the Homeland's chances in the forthcoming tests have been heightened by Australia's omission of Grimmett and Oldfield. The famous sporting Peer arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

## SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks	
H.K. Banks, \$1,600 sa.	
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £95 n.	
Chartered Banks, £12 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £29 n.	
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$95 n.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$275 s.	
Union Ins., \$530 b.	
China Underwriters, \$1.95 b.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$247½ s.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$89½ n.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$11¼ n.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer, 91/3 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$0.30 b.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$140 b.	
H.K. W. Docks, \$35 b. and sa.	
Providents (old), \$3 n.	
Providents (new), \$1.45 b.	
New Engineering, Sh. \$3 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$98½ n.	
Kailan Mining Adm., 16/- n.	
Raub, \$7.00 n.	
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.	
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamoks, P. 55 sa.	
Atoks, P. 30 sa.	
Baguio Gold, P. 22½ sa.	
Benguet Consol., P. 5.70 sa.	
Benguet Explor., —	
Big Wedge, P. —	
Coco Groves, P. 55 sa.	
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.	
Demonstrations, P. 36 sa.	
E. Mindanao, P. —	
Gumaus G'fields, P. —	
Ipo Gold, P. —	
I.X.L., P. 75 sa.	
Irogons, P. —	
Masbato Consols., P. —	
Min. Resources, P. —	
Northern Min., P. —	
Paracale Gumaus, P. 22 sa.	
Salacot Mining, P. —	
San Maurice, P. 50 sa.	
Suyoc Consol., P. 18 sa.	
United Paracales, P. 41 sa.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$7.10 b.	
H.K. Lands, \$55¼ b.	
H.K. Lands, 4% Debent., \$100 n.	
S'hai Lands, Sh. \$7 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	
Humphries, \$8½ b.	
H.K. Realities, \$5.80 sa.	
Chinese Estates, \$90 b.	
China Realities, Sh. —	
China Deben., —	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$15½ b. and sa.	
Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.	
Peak Trams (new), \$3¾ n.	
Star Ferries, \$83 b.	
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$27¼ b.	
China Light (old), \$12.50 b.	
China Light (new), \$0.30 b.	
H.K. Electric, \$41¼ b. ex-div.	
Macao Electric, \$10¼ n.	
Sundakan Lights, \$14¼ n.	
Telephone (old), \$27.30 b. ex. div.	
Telephone (new), \$10.00 b. ex. div.	
China Buses, Sh. —	
Singapore Traction, 23/0 n.	
Singapore Pref., 23/6 n.	
Industrials	
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14¼ n.	
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$15 n.	
Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.	
Cement, \$18.20 b.	
H.K. Ropes \$5¼ n.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farm, \$25.85 sa.	
Watsons, \$3¼ b.	
Lane Crawford, \$9¼ n.	
Sincere, \$1.00 n.	
Wing On (H.K.), \$39 n.	
William Powell Ltd. 60 cts. b.	
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$13 n.	
S'hai Cotton (old), Sh. \$72 n.	
Zoong Singa, Sh. —	
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —	
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Entertainment, \$0.70 n.	
Contractions, \$1¼ b.	
Vibro Piling, \$5¼ n.	
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds., 71½ n.	
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 9% prm. sa.	
H.K. Govt. 3¼% Loan 1½% prm. b.	
Wallace Harpers, \$8¼ b.	
Marsman Inv., (Lon.), 1/- 17/6 n.	
Marsman Inv., (H.K.), 1/- 17/6 n.	

## BRITISH PROTEST TO JAPAN

### Censorship Of Mails Resented

London, Mar. 9. The British Consul-General in Shanghai has addressed a protest to the Japanese Consul-General, and requested that instructions be issued to refrain from censoring British mails, said the Foreign Office Under-Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day, replying to a question by Mr. A. C. Moreing. Representations on the same subject was made by the Embassy in Tokyo on March 3, added Mr. Butler. Mr. Moreing asked if the Japanese continued the policy of trying to impose a censorship, would the Government consider re-opening a British post office in Shanghai temporarily to ensure that British mails reach British officials untouched.

Mr. Butler in reply said he would like to await the results of representations made to the Japanese.—*Reuter*.

## Did Britain Tear Down U.S. Flags?

### PACIFIC ISLANDS

Washington, Mar. 9. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said he was aware Britain had reserved all rights to the Canton and Enderbury Islands. He said there was nothing particularly new in Mr. Chamberlain's statement, and he declined to speculate regarding a possible settlement.

Representative Jencks asked the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee to ascertain whether the two American flags of the Eclipse Expedition placed on Canton Island had been destroyed, and if so, he asked the committee to demand an apology from Britain. Mr. Cordell Hull said the State Department had no information on that point.—*United Press*.

## Warships Participate In Mock Raid

### MANOEUVRES IN H.K.

It is now announced that H.M.S. Adventure and three destroyers have been detailed to participate in the forthcoming local manoeuvres as the Naval Force of the "Blue Land" fleet which will attack Hongkong. Some small craft will assist the military in the defence of "Red Land". The Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve will also assist in the defence.

## GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN LONDON

London, Mar. 9. Fearing communist demonstrations, police took extraordinary precautions when Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop arrived at Victoria Station. The platform was cleared of all unauthorized persons. Among those who greeted the former Ambassador to London was the Austrian Minister. Large crowds watched the departure from the station, but there were no scenes.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

## FRENCH CABINET CRISIS

Paris, Mar. 9. The Government is not resigning to-night. M. Camille Chautemps, the Premier, will make a declaration to the Chamber at 9.30 to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

## HOLY SEPULCHRE TO BE RESTORED

Cairo, Mar. 9. It is understood the Egyptian Government is contributing £30,000 to repair the holy sepulchre at Jerusalem. The Government considers the sepulchre is sacred to Christians and Moslem.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

## C. IN C. RETURNS

Vice Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, who has been paying an official call to Singapore, will return to Hongkong in H.M.S. Cumberland on 12/3/38.

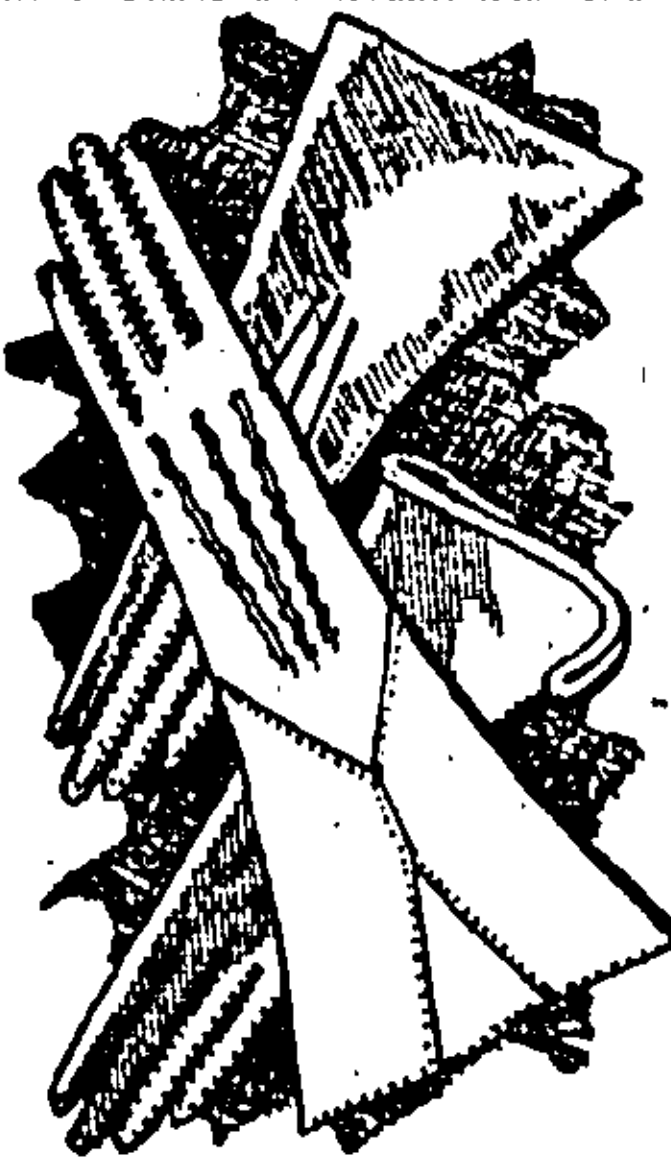
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## AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE AT STAKE

(Continued from Page 1.)

under the signature of Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, stating that a vote is to be taken on Sunday on the question of "a free Austria." The plebiscite will be held under Article 65 of the Dollfuss Constitution, under which, all citizens over 24 are entitled to vote either "Yes or No."

The proclamation states that for the first time in history, the Fatherland Front leaders demands a public profession of faith in the homeland. The proclamation defines the Government's policy as the attainment of peace at home and abroad, and a policy of work.

"Our passport is for a free and German independent Austria, for peace, work and equality for all who profess their faith in the people and the Fatherland." The proclamation appeals to the people of Austria to stand up as one man and vote "Yes."

## Interference Denounced

Dr. von Schuschnigg's announcement at Innsbruck that a plebiscite would be taken was greeted with an outburst of enthusiasm, and followed by a denunciation of any interference by the Nazis.

The Chancellor, after stating he would not tolerate Nazi threats, protested against Nazi attempts to stamp him as a Bolshevik and to accuse him of trying to establish a Popular Front.

He emphasised that peace with Germany must be honourably kept. On Sunday there must be a mighty profession of faith in Austria's freedom and independence.

Referring to domestic affairs, Dr. von Schuschnigg said labour and service would be expanded. All over Austria new roads would be built, and building plans undertaken.

—Reuter's Special.

## To Vote On Government Programme

Innsbruck, Mar. 9.  
Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, has proclaimed a plebiscite for Sunday on the question of approval of the Government's programme for the year.

He announced that the year would be a year of labour and he promised a huge programme of public works under which 30,000 people would be given employment.

Dr. Schuschnigg gave a clear indication that he would resign if he did not receive a convincing vote of confidence on Sunday. He added: "I do not want to establish a personal Government. Threats which can be connected with the Berchtesgaden agreement cannot intimidate me. The agreement was in line with our policy and we shall keep it, but not more. I stand or fall by a confession of faith in the Austrian people on Sunday."

Official circles in London decline to comment on the Austrian plebiscite, but unofficial observers generally recognise the importance of a free people being allowed to express their own views and its destiny in an atmosphere untroubled by manifestations of disorder.

## Berlin Reaction

A Berlin message says that Dr. Schuschnigg's announcement has been received with reserve in German official quarters. A spokesman declared that the attitude of Germany must be considerably influenced by the manner in which Dr. Schuschnigg presents his argument to justify a plebiscite. He added that the plebiscite might be interpreted in Berlin as an expression of Austria's desire to assume control of her national destiny, and to emancipate herself from all foreign intervention.

## DEAF-MUTE GAOLED

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on a deaf-mute, Ma Kwok, 25, unemployed, by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the man appeared on remand, charged with the theft of two cotton jackets and two pairs of trousers. He had four previous convictions.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1937.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1938.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 11th March, 1938, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,  
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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"MARECHAL JOFFRE"  
Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via ports etc., arrived Hongkong on Monday, 7th March, 1938.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 17th March 1938, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th March, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.  
R. OHL,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

## G. R. 1938-1939

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 16th March, 1938, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessities, for the year ending 31st March, 1939.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

G. D. G. FERGUSSON,  
Surgeon Captain,  
Medical Officer in Charge.  
Royal Naval Hospital,  
Hong Kong.  
10th March, 1938.

## G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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1	100	Repulse Bay Road	As per sale plan.	About 50,000	\$344	\$6,000

## MR. DE VALERA TALKS TO SIR S. HOARE

London, Mar. 9.  
Mr. Eamon De Valera and a surprise interview with Sir Samuel Hoare this afternoon lasting for an hour and a half. Sir Samuel is the Minister responsible for affairs in Northern Ireland.

A meeting of the Anglo-Irish Ministers concerned with trade and agriculture opened at 5.30 p.m., each side being accompanied by officials and experts. On the progress of tonight's talks depends, it is believed, whether or not the Irish delegation returns to Dublin on Saturday.

—Reuter Special.

## LIGHT RAIN FORECAST

Drizzle or light rain is forecast for Hongkong for the next 24 hours. Lower temperatures ruled yesterday and this morning after the weekend burst of summery conditions. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 63 degrees and minimum 52 degrees, the latter being the lowest recorded since February.

Despite overcast, gloomy conditions, only two points of rain were recorded up to 10 a.m. to-day. Official forecast, issued at 10 a.m., is: "North-easterly winds, fresh; cloudy, some drizzle or light rain."

## CAR SKIDS AND OVERTURNS

The wet state of King's Road after the heavy shower of rain yesterday caused a motor car driven by Mr. Wong Kwai-yin, and containing four passengers, to skid near Tsat Tze Mul, Quarry Bay, and overturn. No one was injured.

Parked outside No. 10 Stafford Road, Kowloon Tong, yesterday, a motor car, owned by Mr. W. N. T. Jockisch, was struck on the left front mudguard by another motor car driven by Miss Fowler, of 3 Kent Road.

## FELL FROM TEMPLE ROOF

A bricklayer, Kwan Wang, 22, received head and leg injuries when he fell from the roof of the Sikh Temple, Cap Road, yesterday while engaged on repairs. He was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

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Highly Important  
Judgment in H.K.  
Share Action

Involving a principle of importance to share transactions generally, a claim for \$1,535, being damages for breach of contract, was brought by Mr. F. L. Silva against Mr. J. J. Gutterres before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff alleged that he suffered damages through defendant's refusal to accept any pay for 500 (Old) Telephone shares, which he had contracted for on March 31, 1937 and insured on June 22. He bought the shares for defendant at \$32.40 each, and on the latter's non-acceptance, he had to sell them at \$29.70, thus resulting in a loss which formed the claim.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiff. Defendant was represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, on the instructions of Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Jr., of D'Almada and Mason.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff, with costs, and said that in view of the importance of the principle involved he would put his decision in writing at a later date.

Mr. D'Almada said his client was a share-broker and defendant was an agent of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. by whom Mr. A. M. G. Philippon, although not a party to the case but whose name would be mentioned, was also employed. The claim was for damages for breach of contract, and although the sum involved was small, the principle was an interesting one and possibly of some importance with regard to share transactions generally.

## QUESTION OF NUMBERS

The parties, continued Counsel, were agreed on a number of facts, and the only issue was whether or not plaintiff had fulfilled the contract by delivering to defendant shares other than those bearing script No. 186, which, according to the pleadings, was part and parcel of the case.

The contract was signed in the form generally used in share transactions, and on which were the words "script to follow," the object of which was to prevent short selling and speculation on the market. Plaintiff brought on behalf of defendant 500 (old) Telephone shares from Messrs. Ellis and Edgar and supplied the script No. 186 on April 8, which admittedly was much later than contemplated for by the rule in the contract.

Unfortunately, it was subsequently discovered that this number had already been allotted to Mr. Philippon by Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, and when delivery was made to defendant on June settlement day, he refused to accept shares other than those bearing script No. 186.

Continuing, Mr. D'Almada submitted that at the time of the contract defendant did not care what script number he was to get, and that he was now insisting on his alleged legal rights because he knew the shares had fallen in value. He was well aware that when the script was supplied the number had already been allotted to Mr. Philippon, and if he were acting on the most laudable motive of stopping short selling, he should have at once notified the Sharebrokers' Association or plaintiff that the contract had not been fulfilled.

TRIED TO GET SCRIPT  
"I suggest," said Counsel, "he was watching which way the market would swing, and was playing the game of 'head I win tail you lose.' As soon as the mistake was realised, every effort was made by both plaintiff and Messrs. Ellis and Edgar to get this particular script from Mr. Philippon who, however, declined to do so."

Mr. D'Almada then went on to say that his submissions were that all fully-paid shares were of equal value and carried with them equal rights, whether they bore that particular script number or not. Defendant never stipulated a specific number, and therefore the contract was fulfilled when delivery was made. The contract was for the sale of shares and not the script number, therefore the latter was immaterial so long the buyer got what he contracted for.

Referring to the Sharebrokers' rule requiring the script number to be supplied, Counsel contended it was a domestic one, and the Association would not interfere. Neither by its principles nor by the rules of the contract was defendant entitled to repudiate the transaction, which was fulfilled by the tendering to him of the shares, script number immaterial.

PROTECTIVE MEASURE  
For the defence, Mr. Macnamara said his client was insisting on his legal rights not because the value of the shares had fallen. The rule in relation to script numbers, he submitted, was not of domestic concern because its object was to protect the public from short selling and speculation. Under the circumstances, the rule formed an integral part of the contract, and defendant was therefore entitled to insist on shares bearing the script number in question.

It did not matter, continued Counsel, whether there was any reason for inserting a particular script number in the contract so long as it was a condition, which must be carried out. Whether the shares were of the same value or not made no difference and was entirely irrelevant, and even if they were it was not sufficient because they were not contracted for. The contract was provisional until the script number was supplied, and that being so, it formed part of the contract.

After Mr. D'Almada had pointed out the absence of stipulation of any particular script number, His Lordship gave judgment as stated.

## Big Heroin Pill Factory Discovered

The discovery of another big heroin pill factory in the Colony was revealed at the Kowloon Magistracy today when Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt applied to Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen for a week's formal remand in the case of Wo Wai-man, 65, charged with unlawful possession of a dangerous drug. The remand was granted.

Mr. Grimmitt said that the case was one for commitment to the Criminal Sessions and that the factory was a large one with about 80,000 pills.

Charged with similar offences, which are to be taken summarily, two men, Yim Cheong, 37, and Wong Shing, 37, were also remanded for a week. Wong was also charged with the possession of prepared opium and with keeping an opium den.

The three men were arrested yesterday when S.R.O. Grimmitt carried out raids in the Yau-mat district, in Woosung and Shanghai Streets.

## SMALLPOX CASE WALKS INTO POLICE STATION

Found wandering around the charge-room of Kowloon City police station yesterday, a man, Pun Kin-po, 21, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital where it was ascertained that he was suffering from smallpox. Pun was later transferred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital in Kennedy Town.

## SOLDIER STRUCK SUPERIOR

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An incident at the Hongkong Club, after the recent Ball, in which a bandman of the Seaforth Highlanders hit the bandmaster in the face, resulted in a court martial at Hankow Barracks, Shamshuipo, this morning.

Bandman Matthew McLenn, aged 24, was charged with striking a superior officer, Bandmaster E. G. Baker, A.R.C.M., on February 12. Mr. R. H. Cole, of Messrs. George K. Hall Brutton and Company, appeared on his behalf and pleaded guilty.

No facts of the case were given, the accused foregoing his right to have the summary of the evidence read out.

Addressing the Court in mitigation, Mr. Cole said the assault had taken place about 3.20 in the morning. Accused had been up since 6.15 a.m. on the previous day, and had played in the Band throughout the Ball, except for a half-hour interval for supper. He had been in custody for nearly four weeks.

Evidence of accused's good character during his five years in the Army was given. He was stated to be abstemious and his general conduct was said to be very good.

The Court comprised Major J. C. Currie, M.C., R.A. (President), Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, Middlesex Regiment, and Lieut. B. T. C. Forester, R.A. The Prosecuting Officer was Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, M.C., Seaforth Highlanders. The results of the court martial will be promulgated later.

## POST OFFICE.

## INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	March 10.
Vancouver B.C., date 19th Feb.	Hector	March 10.
Shanghai	Kalgan	March 10.
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Amoy	Haruna Maru	March 11.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 10th February.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 10.
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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila—Seattle date, 12th February.	Pres. Jackson	March 11.
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## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Halphong	Canton	Thurs., Mar. 10, 2 p.m.
Straits and Europe via Marseilles, Hector	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Thurs., Mar. 10, 2.45 p.m.
London	Parcels—due London, 14th April.	Mar. 10, 1 p.m.
Air Mail by "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 20th Mar.	Reg., G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Reg., G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 10, 2.30 p.m.
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Shanghai	Thurs., Mar. 10, 4.30 p.m.	
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Kwelyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.O. Airways Direct Service"	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
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	8.40	Lv SHANG Ar	15.45	
	10.40	Lv ICHANG Ar	14.45	
	13.00	Lv WANSIEN Ar	12.25	
15.00	14.40	Ar CHUNGKING Lv	10.30	8.00

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**Foreign Ships Can Use British Docks**

London, Mar. 9.  
Replying to-day to Mr. G. M. Mander's question asked on February 17, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, of the Admiralty, said that offering facilities for docking and repairing foreign warships on a repayment basis in the British dockyards, was a normal practice, as long as Britain's requirements were not prejudiced as a result.

Mr. Mander asked whether in the event of any suggestion on the lines indicated being advanced by the United States, it would be carefully considered.

Mr. Shakespeare replied: "I think I have said as much.—Reuter.

**U.S. IS PLEASED**

Washington, Mar. 9.  
Much interest has been evinced in Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare's announcement in the House of Commons yesterday about facilities for American warships to use the Singapore Base.

A Navy Department spokesman said the story was true, but the arrangement was a routine matter. It was pointed out that the United States warships of larger tonnage than the small cruisers cannot obtain docking facilities at Manila, and they would be forced to proceed to Hawaii if Singapore were not open to them.

In reply to questions, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said that no correspondence about any such amicable arrangement had passed through his hands.—Reuter.

**JAPAN'S NATIONAL MOBILISATION BILL**

Tokyo, Mar. 10.  
The Lower House meets the Executive Committee to-day when the Government will further explain provisions of the National Mobilisation Bill, hoping to satisfy members of the Diet. After this approval the Bill will be requested at an early date.—United Press.

**H.K. Buying Big Supply Of Aircraft Equipment**

Washington, Mar. 9.  
The Air Bureau of the Department of Commerce announces that the only nation to surpass Hongkong in the purchase of American aeronautical products during the month of January was Turkey.

Hongkong purchases comprised mostly engines and spare parts, valued at U.S.\$369,903, compared with Turkey's purchases amounting to \$462,930, Canadian purchases to the value of \$325,130 and Russian purchases to the value of \$280,204.

China purchased aeronautical supplies to the value of \$188,741 and Japan to the value of \$202,409.—United Press.

**TREE THIEVES TOLD TO PASS ON WARNING**

One man, Chan Sin, 32, and three women, Lung Tin, 40, Man Sze, 34 and Cheung Tai, 20, were each fined \$30 or in default six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day for unlawful possession of pine trees.

All the defendants were arrested in the vicinity of Old Kowloon Tong yesterday, and each had a pine tree worth \$15.

Mr. Macfadyen told them that when they were free they were to inform their fellow villagers that such offences must stop.

**STOLE MASTER'S GIN**

Charged with the theft of a bottle of gin worth \$4.80 from his master, Mr. A. H. Seth, of "Deep Dene," Deep Water Bay, Lam Tin, 27, a house-boy, appeared before Mr. H. R. Eustice at the Central Magistracy this morning, and was fined \$75 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour on admitting the offence.

**HONGKONG DOCKYARD PAY DISCUSSED IN COMMONS**

London, Mar. 9.  
The wages of British chargemen in the Hongkong Dockyard was the subject of a question in the House of Commons by Mr. L. F. Plugge (Cons) who said that their pay worked out at 64 shillings a week, which was less than the lowest rated mechanic in the Home dockyards. He submitted that their allowances were "quite inadequate to meet the great increase in the cost of living, and the increase in rents resulting from the recent large incursion of refugees."

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply, pointed out that the chargemen's total emoluments at present considerably exceeded the figure mentioned. Owing to the differing standards of conditions, it was difficult to establish and maintain direct relationship between Home yard rates of pay and the sterling equivalent of the comparable Hongkong rates. However, he was aware of price fluctuations resulting from the recent incursion of refugees and consideration was being given to the possibility of a temporary increase of emoluments, and of an agreement with the workmen among other grades at Hongkong to meet the situation.—Reuter.

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**RADIO BROADCAST**

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9.30 London Relay—The News.  
9.50 Richard Crooks (Tenor).

O Song Divine (Arthur St. Ives—Gordon Temple), A Dream Of Paradise (Claude Lyttleton—Hamilton Gray), Springtime Reminds Me Of You (Rottler & Jurman).

10.0 Ballade—Faure, Op. 19.  
Played by Mme. Marguerite Long (Piano) with Orchestra Conducted by Philippe Gaubert.

11.16 Light Orchestra & Dance Music.

Orchestra—Stelliana (Apollonie), Blue Skies (Rixner)... Burnaby Von Gezey And His Orchestra; Dance Orch.—Star Dust On The Moon—Fox Trot, Turn Off The Moon—Quick Step (From the film)... Len Newbery and His Cascades of Rhythm; Dance Orch.—Runnin' Wild—Fox Trot... Quintette of the Hot Club of France. (Django Reinhardt—Guitar and Stephens, Grappelly—Violin).

10.35 London Relay—"The Cheltenham Gold Cup"

A commentary from Prestbury Park, Cheltenham.

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**CHANGE OF FRONT**

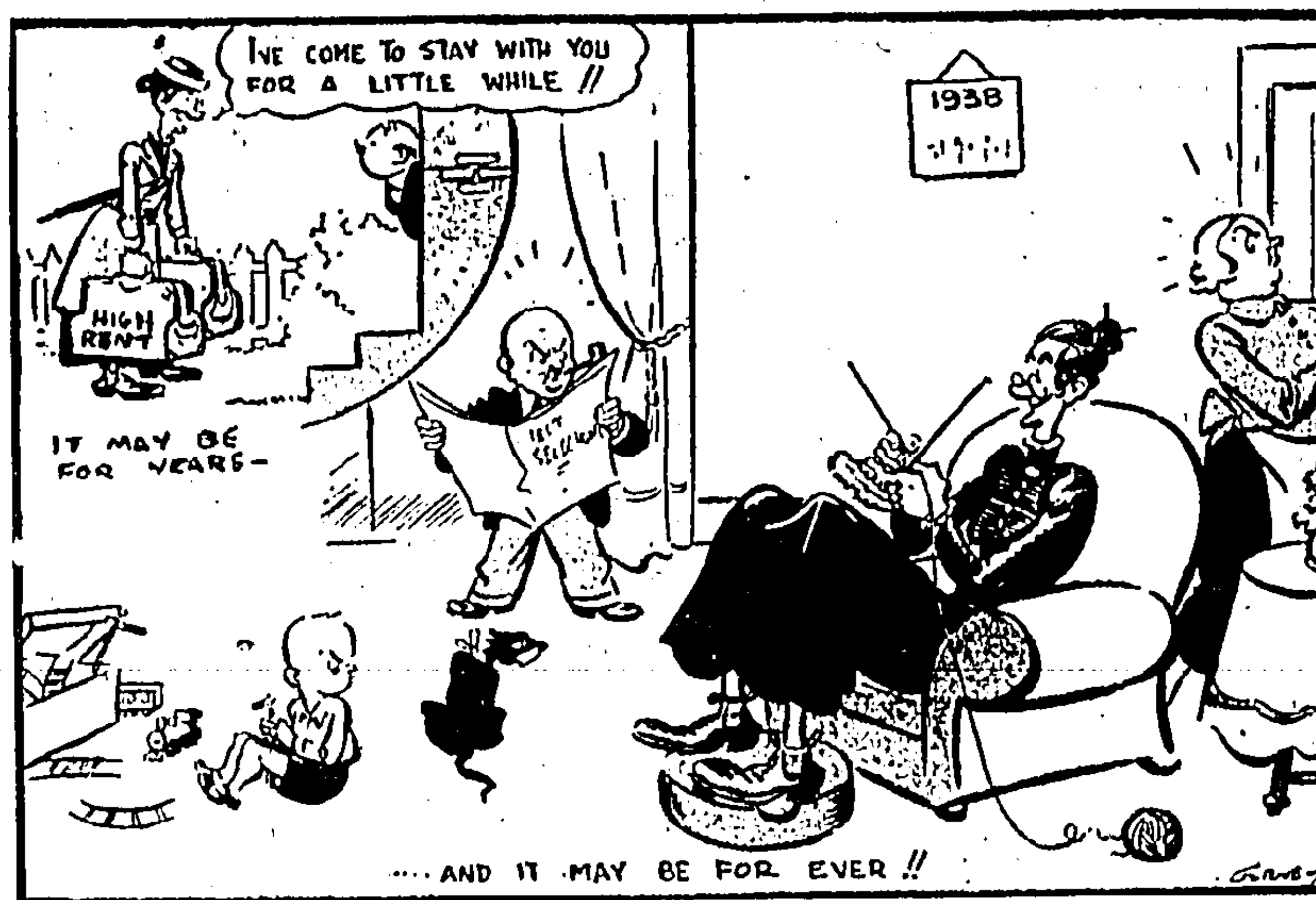
If Mr. Masayuki Tani, the Japanese Minister-at-Large, was correctly quoted yesterday, he made a statement of more than passing importance, indicating a vital change of front regarding Japan's attitude to Britain and her interests in the Far East. For once, a responsible Japanese spokesman forsook what has now become a diplomatic cliché, and said quite plainly that Japan must pay careful attention to the necessity of doing nothing which would violate British interests. Such a pronouncement is practically a *volte face* compared with the scarcely-concealed arrogance of previous observations by Japanese spokesmen. Britain, and especially her nations in the Far East, will heartily welcome this changed attitude, and, if it should be accepted with slight reserve by some, it will not be because Britons are wishing it to be anything but a sincere approach towards improved Anglo-Japanese relations. Britain can at least feel that Japan is beginning to appreciate the realities of the situation so far as it concerns the two nations in the Orient.

The Japanese Minister very broadly hints that this change of front is due to the change in the British Foreign Office and an anticipated change of policy on the part of Britain in the Far East. But in view of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's emphatic reiteration that the Foreign Office shuffle does not mean fundamental alteration in foreign policy, it is difficult to know on what basis Japan anticipates that vital change of attitude, which Mr. Tani describes as the "replacement of idealism by realism." Japan would appear to be expecting such far-reaching results from the Anglo-Italian talks now under way, that she believes, or possibly just hopes, that they will be reflected in future relations between Britain and Japan. Perhaps too, Japan is being coached by her anti-Comintern colleagues, who, quite reasonably, do not desire any undue antagonising of Britain when so much in Europe is at stake. The anti-Comintern Pact is something more than an amalgamation against bolshevism. It can be a powerful lever in discussion on all matters affecting Europe and the Far East, and if Italy and Germany are now seriously searching for a general appeasement, neither country will be pleased to see its most powerful bargaining weapon weakened by the aggravating behaviour of one of its members. Whatever conclusions are drawn from Mr. Tani's statement, it can be safely said that any sincere

overture on the part of Japan towards more sympathetic Anglo-Japanese relations will be warmly received, especially in the Far East where the natural tension created by the hostilities in China has been heightened and aggravated by utterances which were, to say the least, disconcerting.—S. A. G.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The decision of His Excellency the Governor to take steps to inquire into the rent problems of this Colony, a determination to see that landlords and tenants get fair treatment, in effect, is to be commended. The newspapers of this Colony have long agitated for some sort of action, and their columns have frequently carried a burden of appeal from those who thought they were being unfairly treated. All this publicity has perhaps helped to bring Government to the realisation that the rents really require investigation and possibly some form of control. It so happened that yesterday the *Telegraph* made a final appeal for consideration of this subject by the authorities; and in the late edition a rather unique coincidence occurred. An editorial suggesting one method of attacking the problem appeared in the same issue that the Government's plan of inquiry was disclosed. To anyone who does not understand the mechanics of a newspaper, this may have seemed a rather ridiculous situation. But it was unavoidable, just the same, for the Government decision came to hand only a few minutes before the paper "went to bed," and the leading article on the same subject was already "tucked away."

**AUNTIE RENT COMES ALONG**

—Apologies to Gurney in Melbourne Herald

Four commercial planes left Hongkong one day this week. Captain A.O. Pollard suggests that soon

**Everybody Will  
Travel By Air**

I HAVE very little doubt that the first reaction of most people to the above title will be scepticism. "The idea is impossible. We shall never all fly. How absurd to suggest such a thing."

But is it? Supposing that in the early days of wireless telegraphy somebody had written an article, "When we shall all listen in." I think that the general feeling at the time would have been incredulity.

Yet to-day there are more than eight million licensed wireless sets in Great Britain and listening to broadcasts through the ether is world-wide.

There is a strong affinity between wireless and aviation. Each is complementary to the need for adequate communication between aircraft and the ground that radio has developed so rapidly. In return radio is the principal factor in making air travel safe and reliable.

The advent of flying for the million will depend primarily on the safety factor. The man in the street will never be persuaded to regard the aeroplane as a normal means of transport until he is convinced the odds are overwhelmingly in favour of his reaching his destination. History tells us that the general public adopted a similar attitude towards steam locomotion when it was introduced.

**Man with the Red Flag**

In 1803 a steam road locomotive invented by Richard Trevithick, which drew a coach at nine miles an hour through the streets of London, was greeted with torrents of abuse to say nothing of the rotten eggs and similar missiles.

So great was the outcry against the newfangled invention that in the interests of safety an Act of Parliament was passed which forbade any horseless vehicle to travel at more than three miles an hour, and ordained that a man with a red flag should walk in front of it.

Railways were similarly regarded with suspicion in their early days, and did not generally find favour until Queen Victoria set the fashion by travelling from London to Windsor by rail in 1842.

To-day rail travel has reached such a pitch of perfection that on electrically controlled systems such as the Underground an accident due to the human element is virtually impossible.

**The Road Toll**

On the roads the safety factor still leaves considerable room for improvement, although no one can deny that the day of motoring for the multitude is with us. Despite the tremendous toll of life on the roads and an occasional rail disaster, people use railways and mechanically propelled road vehicles as a matter of course, because they have become accustomed to them. The boon of rapid and convenient transportation has nullified the fear of a possible accident.

What has happened in the case of ground transport will eventually take place with aircraft. Increased engine power, which makes it possible for machines to reach their destination with one or more motors out of action, and improved design and construction, enable modern air liners to compare favourably with ground vehicles.

The weather is the principal enemy with which an airman has to contend, and wireless is the weapon with which he fights. Two-way telephony, radio beacons, and directional beams are all playing their part in keeping aircraft on their correct course.

The publicity given to every aeroplane accident, in which only too often bumpy landings resulting in a broken undercarriage are erroneously termed "crash," tends to arouse uneasiness in the public mind, which is insufficiently schooled to distinguish between service flying, in which risks are essential to training; private flying, carried out by individuals who are not necessarily experts; and commercial flying, in which every pilot has attained a high standard of reliability before he is allowed to take control.

With regard to commercial aviation, the Aeronautical Research Committee, an important scientific body, has expressed a considered opinion that "flying" may now be regarded as a safe means of transport.

But whilst there is no doubt that flying is taking its place with railways and steamships as a means of conveyance from point to point, private ownership of aircraft is another matter.

There is as much difference between commercial aviation

**THE "VERY IDEA"****WE LIKE  
THIS IDEA  
OF A NEW  
MUSEUM**

By Eddie Kelly, Prehistoric Man

**HONGKONG** may soon have a museum.

A suitable place is required to house the many fossils discovered in this Colony.

Local taipans and civil servants may resent the imputation, and it is expected that the Committee of the Hongkong Club is almost sure to complain at Government competition.

Purchase of a first class epidiascope is recommended.

An epidiascope is used for studying moths and other parasites. It is feared that landlords are too big to be included in the latter category.

This museum is to be air conditioned to prevent dry rot. This will be reserved for a magazine which the Museum curator is to publish each month.

One section will be devoted to fish, which will be neatly placed in rows in glass bottles.

Some fish, such as salmon and sardines, will naturally be kept in their tins, and if the Curator has any unexpected friends in for dinner on Friday nights, he will be assured of a good supply.

There will almost certainly be a numismatic section. We looked that word up in the dictionary—it means collection of coins. Anyone who tries to collect coins in Hongkong deserves to have what we first thought the word meant.

Learned professors will dig holes all over Hongkong in an effort to find specimens for the archaeological, geological and ethnographical sections. There are several other similar sections but we refuse to keep on visiting our dictionary every few seconds.

We are considering making several donations of prehistoric articles to the new museum.

There's the winter suit we bought way back in 1929—all it needs is a patch on the part that shines.

An accumulation of letters we have received about a little misunderstanding with the Hongkong Hotel in 1931 is also available for the documentary section.

We notice that the curator is going to get £450 a year.

We might apply for that job.

We have good qualifications, for we are always up to some antique or another.

We are now going to excavate a bottle of H.B.

Run along and play now, little children.

and private flying as there is between crossing the Atlantic in the Queen Mary and owning a skiff on the Thames.

People who attempt to visualise a day when paterfamilias will push the family aeroplane out of its garage on to the lawn and take off for a Saturday afternoon flip are doomed to disappointment. There are technical reasons against a helicopter rising vertically from the ground, and any other type of aircraft requires considerably more than an area of a suburban garden for its take-off.

**As A Matter of Course**

There is no parallel between a motor car and an aeroplane. The necessity for using prepared aerodromes for arrival and departure limits the number of aircraft that can be allowed in the air at any time, and entails much stricter regulations to avoid risks of collision than those devised for road traffic.

The closest analogy, if it is possible to compare a two-dimensional vehicle with a three-dimensional one, is between an aeroplane and a boat. Sailing and rowing are open to anyone who cares to go to the nearest water to practise; similarly, flying in power aircraft and gliders is available at a regular aerodrome to everyone who wishes to become a pilot.

To-day Britain leads the world in civilian air route mileage. As time goes on and new generations grow up to whom the aeroplane is no longer a novelty but an ordinary everyday method of rapid communication the travelling public will use the air as a matter of course. In that sense the day when we shall all fly is rapidly approaching.



## Personalities of Old Hongkong

# JUDGE WHO ORDERED FIFTY LASHES FOR CONVICTED EUROPEAN ROBBER

## ONE OF THE MOST TURBULENT TIMES IN H.K. HISTORY

By T. Paul Gregory

HONGKONG has on the whole been exceptionally fortunate in securing the services of a succession of eminent jurists who have ably administered justice in its Courts.

The majority of those who have been sent out here under appointments of the Secretary of State for the Colonies have been men whose attainments in their chosen profession had already marked them as pre-eminently fitted to uphold the proud traditions of fair play in the administration of British justice.

Some of these, Sir Julian Pauncefote, amongst others—devoted their energies to the carving out of brilliant careers for themselves, and on account of their high achievements have earned a lasting immortality. For some, too, a civil service appointment in the Colony has been no more than a sort of temporary "stop gap" and their careers which early augured the acme of successful accomplishment soon "fizzled" and came to naught.

One of these latter was the brilliant but unfortunate Mr. Henry James Ball, Judge of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction during the 'sixties of the last century.

Mr. Henry James Ball was born in England in 1819, and received an excellent education amply fitting him for a career in the legal profession.

He was educated at both Oxford and the University of London, from which institutions of learning, he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts.

Whilst he was apparently not interested in the law as a career until his late twenties, he took it up with avidity and served as Special Pleader from 1846 to 1853. In the latter year, he was called to the Bar of the Home Court, and two years later was well established on a career in Her Majesty's Civil Service—being appointed Attorney General of British Honduras.

His appointment to Hongkong came about through the fortuitous establishment of the now defunct "Court of Summary Jurisdiction and Arranging for the nomination of a Judge thereof"—an Act passed by the Legislative Council on March 22, 1862. The Secretary of State being duly notified and signifying his approval, designated Mr. Ball as the man to fill the new post. Mr. Ball himself was apparently under the impression that he had been named a Puisne Judge, and did not realise the difference until he was personally apprised of the fact by the Secretary of State previous to leaving London for Hongkong.

He arrived in the Colony on July 7, 1862, and was soon to prove his mettle as a brilliant but wholly biased and temperamental jurist. It was revealed, too, that the Judge was unfortunately suffering from epilepsy, which on account of the suddenness of its attacks were to render the Court sessions extremely precarious. Indeed, the malady was to colour many of the decisions delivered in Court; for he often took the liberty of "stretching the law" and giving the limit to some "poor devil" who had run afoul of the law and who had been tried and sentenced under his jurisdiction.

Mr. Ball speedily acquired the reputation of being a "hard-boiled" Judge, but it was not until the passage of the notorious "Flogging Ordinance" (No. 12 of 1865) that he leapt into prominence when he clearly stated that he "would make no distinction between Europeans and Chinese, and in any case in which personal violence was used, he would pass a sentence which would include corporal punishment."

## FLOGGING ORDINANCE

Mr. Ball soon became greatly criticised for his interpretation of the "Flogging Ordinance", as he seemed to absolutely misconceive its real purpose. The act was designed by its framers to act as a wholesome deterrent to the "crime wave" of robbery by violence which had broken out in the latter part of the year 1864 and the first months of 1865. The robbers were Chinese ruff-raff—former Tai-ping rebels and pirates—who flocked from the mainland in search of "easy pickings" on the island. Imprisonment did not seem to be effective, and like the present wave of "bang stretching" something more terrifying than simple incarceration with hard labour was demanded. "Flogging" was thought to be the very thing, and it must be remembered that whippings in those days were carried out in public, and the prisoner might be given anything from twenty-five to fifty lashes on the bare-back with the "regulation cat-of-nine-tails"—a whip divided into nine strings or knots—which formed a terrible instrument of corporal punishment, so that the infliction of this penalty caused every convicted prisoner to quake with fear and dread.

Obviously, such a severe penalty was not designed to be inflicted upon Europeans, but in the opinion of Mr. Ball there was not any difference—



Mr. H. J. Ball

## Shanghai Curfew Extension

Shanghai, Mar. 10. The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved the extension of the curfew up to 12.30 a.m., making final what was regarded as a certainty for the past week. However it now remains for the Shanghai Municipal Police Commissioner and the Commander of the French police to agree to the date on which the extension will become effective, though it is believed the change will be brought about on Saturday.

The first to rejoice will be the cabaret managers who have been operating on curtailed time for several months.—Reuter.

tions of the Chief Justice even when it does not altogether incapacitate him from performing them.

4.—That it is with much pain and reluctance that your memorialists now feel bound to point out Your Excellency's attention to this matter, but in view of its important bearing upon the due administration of justice, and the confidence of the community in the highest tribunal in the Colony, they see strong reasons for no longer preserving silence.

5.—That under all circumstances, your memorialists are strongly of opinion that the power now vested, by section 34 of Ordinance 7 of 1862, in the Chief Justice should be vested in the Governor of the Colony alone, and they respectively beg that Your Excellency may be pleased to introduce to the Legislative Council an Ordinance repealing that section and modifying it in such a way as to confer upon the Governor of the Colony for the time being, the sole power of appointing a fit and proper person to preside at the trials of the Supreme Court, in the place of the Chief Justice upon just occasions.

And your memorialists will ever pray, etc., etc.

## COUNCIL'S GENEROSITY

The Legislative Council, too, was quite generous and on April 9, 1874 voted him a sum equal to one-third of the cost of two passages to England (\$333.33) for his wife and himself.

The unfortunate Judge did not retire by any means too soon; for he succumbed to his malady on August 20, 1874—a month or so after his return.

An summary of Mr. Ball's career in the Colony, it may be stated that he was the first and last occupant of the Judgeship of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction; for this short-lived court was abolished by the provisions of Ordinance No. 12 of 1873, and a Puisne Judgeship was decided upon instead. Thus passed one of the most hectic periods of judicial administration in the history of Hongkong—a period made miserable for both the administrator of justice and his associates—on account of the hereditary malady which totally incapacitated the victim for the duties of his office.

## TREASON TRIAL EVIDENCE REFUTED

Chamberlain Ridicules Charge Of British Subversive Activity

Moscow, Mar. 9. M. Yagoda, former Chief of the O.G.P.U., gave secret evidence before the military tribunal of the Supreme Court to-day.

It is presumed the evidence affects foreign Powers, which, it is alleged, aided the Trotskyite counter-revolutionaries on whose behalf M. Yagoda acted.

The Court received report by a commission of five medical experts who examined evidence relating to the death of Maxim Gorky, Manzhinsky, Kuibyshev and Peshkov. The experts found that the four accused doctors who, it is alleged, acted under M. Yagoda's orders, had criminally and maliciously maltreated the patients so as to bring about their deaths. Also the health of Yezhov had been considerably impaired by the sprinkling of poison on the floor, of his office, traces of which were found in the furniture and in the air.

## DENIAL IN COMMONS

According to a London message, an emphatic denial of the allegations by some of the accused in the Moscow treason trial that they acted as agents of the British Government with a view to overthrowing the Soviet regime, was given by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons in reply to several questions.

The Prime Minister said: "I am aware of the prejudicial effect on Anglo-Soviet relations likely to be produced within the Soviet Union by the evidence given in this trial, but I doubt whether the allegations, which are totally untrue, would be given any credit in this country, or, indeed, anywhere outside the Soviet Union."

"I feel I need hardly assure the House, that the Government has not been guilty of any breach of its agreement with the Soviet Government and has not employed any of those names which have been mentioned, to work for the British intelligence service, or engaged in any subversive activities against the Soviet Government."

With reference to the suggestion by Miss E. Wilkinson that Lady Muriel Paget had been lecturing on her experience in the British intelligence service, the Prime Minister said that Lady Paget had no experience of the British intelligence service.

"Anyone who knows her work, knows that it is unselfish and humanitarian," added the Premier.—Reuter.

## SECRET SESSION

Moscow, March 9. A communiqué states that Rakovsky, Yagoda, Rosengoltz and Krestinsky, four of the principal defendants in the treason trial, gave evidence in secret session to-day, when they testified that they were engaged in treasonable spying connections with official representatives of several foreign powers.

"It has been established that those representatives of foreign powers connected with the above conspirators were from the anti-Soviet bloc as well as from the States they represented."

The communiqué said that Yagoda had admitted he organised the killing of Peshkov.—United Press.

## BELGIAN SYMPATHIES WITH CHINA

Chungking, Mar. 10. Sympathetic concern over China's war of resistance to Japan's aggression was expressed in a letter addressed by the Belgian Catholic Workers Union to China.

The letter was handed to the Chinese Legation in Belgium for forwarding to China.—Central News.

## WOUNDED SOLDIERS KILLED

Hengyang, Mar. 10. Over 10 wounded soldiers in the base hospital outside the west city gate were killed on the night of March 8 when a part of the building collapsed amidst a heavy snow storm.—Central News.

## STATIONS BOMBED

Hsuechow, Mar. 10. Tenghsien and Kwankiao stations on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung were bombed by Japanese planes yesterday. Three bombing machines took part in the raids, dropping over ten bombs at Tenghsien station and three at Kwankiao station.—Central News.

## RADIO BROADCAST

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5.20 a) Sweet Lullaby, b) Song of the Islands, c) Blue Hawaii, d) Hula Medley.

5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.45 a) My secret love affair, b) Over Night, c) Josephine, d) Carnival.

6.0 Studio—Children's Hour.

7.0 Studio—Children's Hour.

Storm Along: Roll The Wound-Pile Down. (Arr. S. Taylor Harris), Nons Irons A Valparaiso (Pares & van Parys), Scicammunn Sts, Lampa (Arr. Favara), John Goss and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet; Agincourt (Willan); Here's A Health Unto His Majesty (Harris), John Goss and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

7.10 Light Orchestral.

Les Sallimbanques—Overture (Louis Ganne), Orchestre, Symphonique du Lutetia Wagram Cond. by Fernand Heurture; Preludium (Jarnoff), Berceuse (Jarnoff), John Barbieri and His Orchestra; Indian Love Call ("Rose-Marie"—R. Friml), Until (W. Sanderson), De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra; A Tzifane Night At The Hungaria.... Played by Colombo's Tziganas.

7.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.40 Studio—Lee Wong (Vocal) and Doreen Ma (Piano).

1. You Can't Run Away From Love To-night—Lee Wong; 2. You Showed Me The Way—Doreen Ma; 3. You're A Sweetheart—Lee Wong; 4. Medley—Doreen Ma; 5. Stardust On The Moon—Lee Wong; 6. You're My Desire—Doreen Ma.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.02 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11.0 Close down.

8.05 Variety.

Dance Orch.—Hot Pie—Third Helping... The Six Swingers, Directed by George Scott Wood; Piano—Blossoms On Broadway (From the film), Remember Me? (Film, Mr. Dodd takes the Air).... Leslie Hutchinson; Accordion—Music—My Rhythm (Munsonius), Wind And Waves (Zander).... Jungherr's Accordion Melodians; Vocal—Clavelito Del Genil (Romero), Flor Del Mal (Padilla-Montesinos), Raquel Malier with Orchestra; Accordion Band—You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret—Primo Sciala's Accordion Band (Vocal Chorus by Ralph Silvester).

8.30 London Relay—At The Black Dog.

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9.0 Orchestral Music.

Le Carnaval Romain—Overture (Berlioz, Op. 9).... Sir Hamilton Harty Conducting The Halle Orchestra; "Portsmouth Point"—Overture (Walton).... The BBC Symphony Orchestra, Conductor, Adrian Boult.

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs."

A talk by The Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.E.M.G., K.B.E. (Continued on Page 5.)

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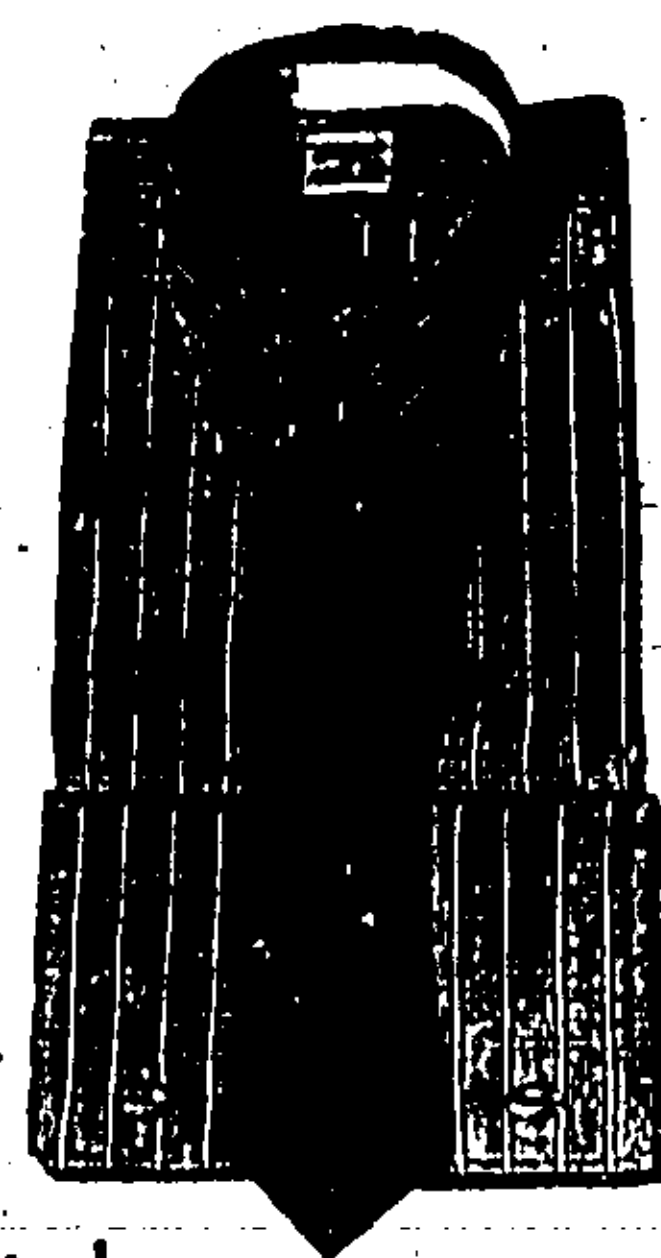
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# GALLANT YORK CITY OUT OF F. A. CUP AT LAST

## Weekly Hockey Notes By "The Pilgrim"

### C.B.S. "A" Win Brawn Cup Fixture

#### Recreio Loses By Four To Nil

Playing against the Club de Recreio at King's Park last Saturday without the services of two of their best players, Miss M. Booker and



Miss Paddy Pasco has makings of a good goalie. Miss M. Shand, the C.B.S. "A" were victorious by four goals to nil. Beginning in whirlwind style the C.B.S. "A" opened the scoring after 15 minutes play through Miss D. McCaw. A few minutes before half time, Miss J. Bradbury added the second goal. After sides were changed, the Recreio strove hard to equalise but without success, though Miss Remedios, Miss Botelho, and Miss Alves kept the schoolgirls' rear-guard. Miss Paterson and Miss Fallowfield, very busy. During this period Miss Paddy Pasco was called



Miss Mona Shand Her colleagues missed her.

### NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

A player who will be greatly missed by his team mates is Alting, the Y.M.C.A. inside-right. He has left the Colony for good, having been transferred to Medan.

THE Rajputana Rifles are the second team to defeat Macao this season. Both their goals were scored by their short-corner expert, Gopal Ram. The players must have had quite an experience on the return journey as their ship was fog-bound and arrived five hours late.

THE two umpires appointed for the Caer Clark match between the "Y" Ladies and C.B.A. failed to turn up and great difficulty was experienced by the ladies in securing the services of two other umpires. It is not surprising in view of what happened at the Seven-a-Side Tournament a few months ago when a certain team condemned the officials. The ladies should know better than express their views in the way they did. If any reports are to be made, they should be made to the Umpires Hockey Board, which makes it a rule to supply the ladies with the best umpires available. I hope some teams have learnt a lesson. It seems behave as some of them do, it will always be difficult to get umpires. Hockey umpires are not paid and my advice to ladies' team is to offer these officials a word of thanks after the game, instead of criticising them.

SCOTLAND'S team had a successful trial at King's Park last Sunday. When the two sides had been chosen and the game was about to commence, no balls could be found and consequently some were borrowed from the Club de Recreio. The Scots have decided that in

upon to defend her charge on numerous occasions and this she did in a worthy manner. However, the Champions, playing a far more constructive game, went further ahead, Miss D. McCaw scoring two more to complete the "hat-trick." As leader she was the "brain" of the side, displaying a keen sense of judgment and anticipation. Miss Nora Witchell, at centre-half, was in splendid form and played a grand spoiling game.

The Recreio, though a beaten team, struggled on determinedly and the attack was rather unfortunate in finding Miss Pasco in form. Miss M. Roza, on the right wing, did useful work and was well supported by Miss Silva and Miss Goncalves in the half back line. Miss Ribeiro and Miss O. Botelho, the backs, found the C.B.S. "A" attack too much for them.

It was a good game and the Recreio ladies gave a very creditable account of themselves in the second half.

### KOWLOON INDIANS' BAD WEEK

#### Beaten By Radio In United Clubs League

The Kowloon Indians T.C. experienced a bad week-end. Traveling to Caroline Hill last Sunday they were taken for a ride and were beaten by the Radio Sports Club 5-1 in the United Clubs League.

From the bully-off, the Radio men pressed and in five minutes Guest found the net with a crisp flick shot off a pass from David Leonard on the right wing. Ten minutes later the same player scored from a short corner hit. Good work by M. H. Hassan at centre-half saw the Radio moving up the field and Gurbachan Singh broke through to pile up a three goal lead for his side, just before the interval arrived.

Again on the resumption the Radio took up the running at once but splendid interceptions by J. Pinto and Malik in the K.I.T.C. half back line broke up many a dangerous move. Hereabouts the K.I.T.C. assumed the initiative and during a continual attack, which lasted for ten minutes, Pyara Singh swept through the opposite defence to beat Rocha with a brilliant goal from a difficult angle.

Finally Radio pressed again and for the rest of the game were again very much on top. Gurbachan Singh got two more goals and David Leonard was unfortunate in not adding the sixth when he was brought down by Ramzan accidentally in the circle.

During the closing stages of the game several positional changes were made by the K.I.T.C. in attack and defence but the opposite defence, with Kitchell, Grewal and Hassan gave away no chances. G. Singh and Telok Singh, the inside forwards, played a fine game, proving a great source of danger to the K.I.T.C. David Leonard, the well-known footballer, had some thrilling moments on the right wing putting in some lovely centres.

The K.I.T.C. had a bad day and were definitely out of practice. They were outdone at their own game of nippy and energetic tackling, while their forward movements were also generally countered. Ramzan, in goal, though beaten five times, had a few opportunities to show that he is still a good goalkeeper. Karmali Singh was the safer of the two backs—his partner Attar Singh spent most of the afternoon in undercutting the ball. Malik was the best half back but he was often run off his feet by the Radio. Pinto, who changed his place from pivot to inside-right in the second half with the hope of glancing up the attack, was the best of the forwards. The day was hot but a fast pace was maintained throughout.

### BEATEN BY THE POLICE XI

Prior to their defeat against the Radio Sports Club last Sunday, the K.I.T.C. went down on Saturday, 4-2 to the H.K. Police on the Police Training School ground at Mongkok. The Police led by 3-1 at the interval, Jasbir Singh (2) and Narwant Singh (1) being the scorers.

Pyara Singh was responsible for the K.I.T.C. goal. It was not as good a game as had been expected and on resumption play was more obstructive than constructive and suffered therefore as a spectacle.

The best goal of the match came from Howlett, the Police inside-right, when he ran through and sent a rising pile driver which left Ramzan standing. Shortly after, Pyara Singh reduced the deficit in a solo effort. The Police made several spirited raids just afterwards but Ramzan in goal stopped many dangerous shots from all angles.

Mehar Singh and Brown, in the Police defence, were magnificent and Howlett in his new position as left-half was a demon for hard work. Howlett, Jasbir Singh and Wall formed a dangerous trio in the attack, with both wingers Teja Singh and Narwant Singh doing well. The K.I.T.C. will have to have more games if they hope to recover their true form.

### Malayan Second-Wicket Partnership Record

Penang, Feb. 26. The Penang Recreation Club defeated the Penang Sports Club by nine wickets on the Esplanade today.

The "Recs" declared at 230 for one (S. T. Stewart 101 not out, V. C. Westerhout 125 not out) and in reply the Sports Club made 82 (Noon 17, Carey 10).

Stewart and Westerhout were associated in a record Malayan second-wicket partnership, which realised 222 runs. Stewart hit 18 and Westerhout 24 boundaries.



Action picture of Sidney Barnes, New South Wales' all-rounder and "baby" of the Australian sixteen to visit England this summer. He thus obtains his Test chance at 20. The team sailed for England on Tuesday.

## SCRUMMAGING POSER MUST BE TACKLED

By E. G. Blackwell

Most significant about the reports of the Wales v. England Rugby Union International match at Cardiff was the unanimity of adverse criticism regarding the scrummaging and the inability of the half-backs to get the ball in.

Those of us more concerned with Rugby League football will note this with interest, because similar faults have been our bugbear for many years.

In the Rugby League, the matter is more acute because the average game contains between 60 and 80 scrummages, whereas in a Rugby Union match, the number may not exceed 30 to 40, because the line-out is used to bring the ball into play.

The Rugby League, which must cater for the spectacular, cannot afford to have the game held up by these delays. Yet the truth stands out that the Rugby League is no nearer a solution of its scrummaging problem.

A former member of the Rugby League Council, Mr. E. Osborne, has gone so far as to suggest the abolition of the scrum from the game and a reduction in the number of players from 13 to 10. Neither proposal has commanded any measure of official support, but the mere fact that it has been propounded shows the extent to which the problem has exasperated and puzzled many of the best brains.

The rulers of the Rugby League contend that the rules are perfect—if only the players will play to them and referees insist upon their observance.

### ELEMENT OVERLOOKED

In League circles the trouble is attributed to bonuses and points—the excessive keenness produced by the extra money at stake for winning compared with losing money.

Is it not that in framing rules and regulations the authorities, both Union and League, overlook the greatest factor of all—human nature? Probably the last thing the majority of players think about is cheating, yet if the facts be faced, that is the only word which can truthfully be applied to the men responsible for scrummaging faults.

### SIMPLIFY RULES

Sometimes, in the League game especially, it is the half-backs who persist in putting the ball in unfairly. At other times the outside forwards are guilty of feet up, or of hooking for the ball before it is properly in. Then again, the hooker may be guilty of striking for the ball with the wrong foot, of swinging, or of using the loose arm.

My contention has always been in connection with Rugby League scrummaging that the rules should be amended and simplified. They must be made so watertight as to leave nothing to chance—to the discretion of referees, or to the good sportsmanship of the players.

### PRACTICAL REMEDY

The rulers of the Rugby League game are likely to have to continue the search for a scrummaging solution so long as they refuse to try out a remedy so practical as that ex-

## GREGORY MAY YET GO TO ENGLAND

Recently Sounded By Alan Fairfax

Sydney, N.S.W., Feb. 2. Ross Gregory, young Victorian batsman who just missed selection in the Australian team for England, may yet go aboard.

If he is interested in it, an offer will be made to him to join Sir Julien Cahn's XI in England.

Alan Fairfax, former Australian Test cricketer, who is now representing Sir Julien in Australia, sent Gregory a wire asking him to telephone him as to whether he was interested in going to England.

"A good cricketer, this Gregory," said Fairfax in an interview.

"I am also impressed by the fact that everybody tells me about his fine character and charming modesty."

"I have not yet made Gregory a definite offer. That will depend upon whether he is interested in the idea."

"All I want to know at present," said Fairfax, "is whether Gregory would be interested in going to England. If he is anxious it would be necessary to cable Sir Julien and ask him before I would be in a position to make a definite offer."

Fairfax added that Gregory had telephoned as requested, but after a short discussion nothing was decided. Interviewed in Melbourne, Gregory said whether he would go abroad would depend entirely on the conditions. "Nothing has been decided yet."

plotted by the Rev. Frank Chambers something like 12 years ago.

He persuaded the forwards on the far side of the front row of a scrummage to cross their legs before the ball was put in, and the others not to strike for it until it had hit those legs.

Under those conditions the ball was got into scrum at the first attempt, and it was heeled out quickly.

And that is the ideal to be aimed at.

## ELIMINATED BY HUDDERSFIELD BY ODD GOAL

## SURPRISING RESULTS IN ENGLISH LEAGUE SOCCER

### Tennis Prospects Not Bright

Prospects of play in the Colony Tennis Championships to-day are not very bright at the moment. In view of yesterday's rain and the drizzle which has just commenced, it does not seem likely that the ground will be in a fit condition by this afternoon.

The programme, originally fixed, is as follows:

#### OPEN SINGLES

Cheng Ping-yeung v. F. H. Kwok.  
Lee Wai-tong v. Wei Chung.  
E. C. Fincher v. A. Crawford.  
S. S. Hussain v. H. Owen Hughes.  
Wong Shiu-wing v. Lieut. Commr. R. H. Rump.  
Tsui Yun-pui v. Pang O-lam.  
S. A. Hussain v. H. D. Rumjahn.

## Another Tennis "Incident"

### Tilden And Umpire Argue

Singapore, Feb. 25. There was an "incident" at the tennis exhibition matches at the Happy World to-day. "Big Bill" Tilden had an argument with the umpire at the end of the second set of his match with Burke, concerning the score. The umpire left the stand.

Ramillon played fine tennis today but the other professionals disappointed somewhat.

Results of the matches played are: Tilden beat Burke, 8-6, 6-4. Ramillon beat Cochet, 6-4, 6-4. Ramillon and Tilden beat Burke and Cochet, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

London, Mar. 8. York City, "giant-killers" in the F.A. Cup this season, bowed to defeat at last at Huddersfield, losing by the odd goal in three in to-day's replay. In the first meeting on Saturday, played at York, the result was a goalless draw.

In the Third Round Scottish Cup replays, Aberdeen fell by the wayside, losing to East Fife, a Second Division team, by two goals to one. The defeat was all the more surprising in view of the fact that Aberdeen were playing at home.

Ayr United, got through to the fourth round at the expense of Greenock.

Manchester City, last season's champions, fared badly in their First Division League match against Middlesbrough, scoring once against the visitors six. Brentford's hopes of catching up with the leaders also received a jolt to-day when they were held to a draw of 1-1 by Chelsea.

Aston Villa's success in the F.A. Cup—they are now in the semi-finals—seems to have affected their League form. Playing against the lowly-placed Notts Forest to-day, the Villa lost by the odd goal in three despite the advantage of ground. Notwithstanding this defeat, the Villa players are still in the running for the Second Division championship, however.

Scores:

F. A. CUP REPLAY (SIXTH ROUND)

Huddersfield 2 York 1

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS (THIRD ROUND)

Ayr U. 4 Greenock 1

Aberdeen 1 East Fife 2

ENGLISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Manchester C. 1 Middlesbrough 6

Sunderland 3 West Brom. 1

Preston N.E. 0 Leicester 0

Brentford 1 Chelsea 1

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa 1 Notts Forest 2

Plymouth 2 Tottenham 2

—Reuter.

AMENDED DRAW IN F.A. CUP

The following is the revised draw of the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, to be played on March 26:

Preston North End v. Aston Villa, (at Sheffield).

Huddersfield v. Sunderland, (at Blackburn).

SCOTTISH CUP'S REVISED DRAW

The amended draw in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on March 19, is as follows:

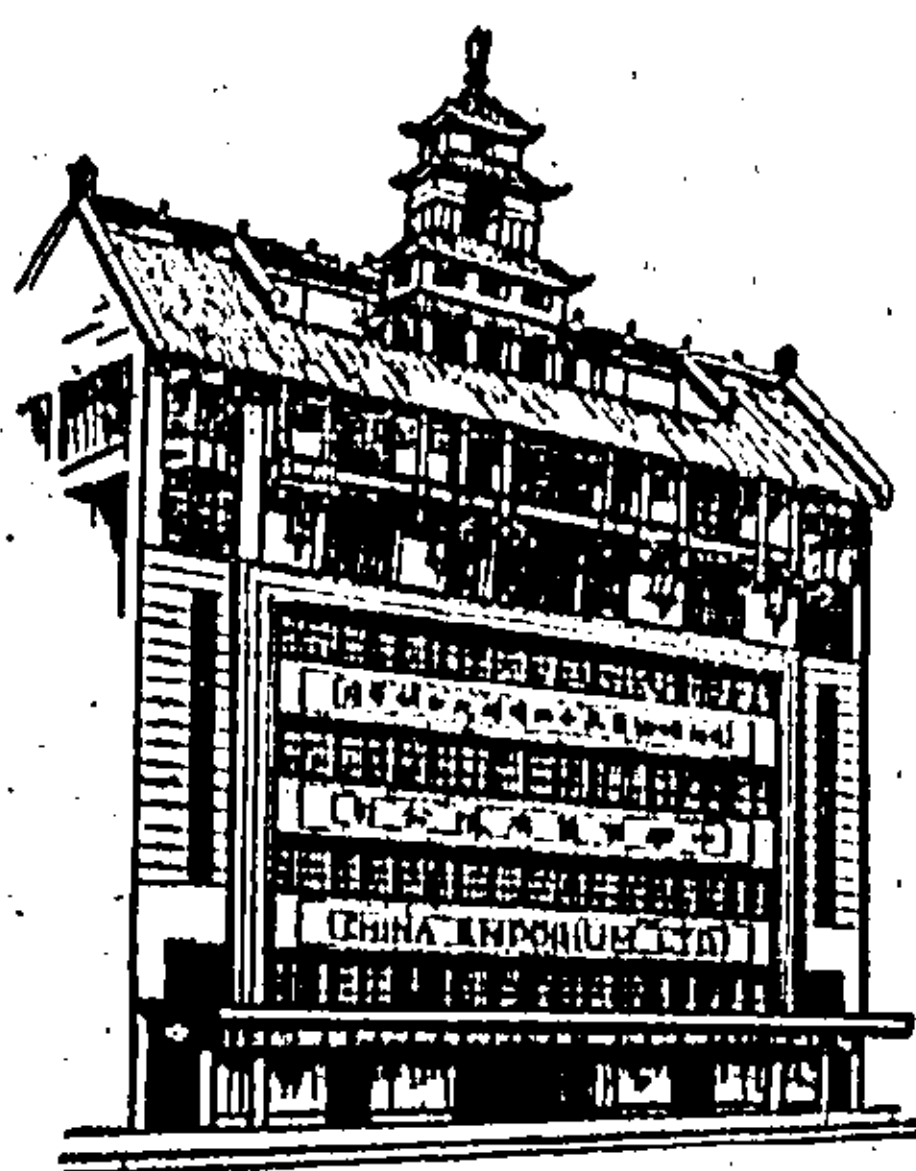
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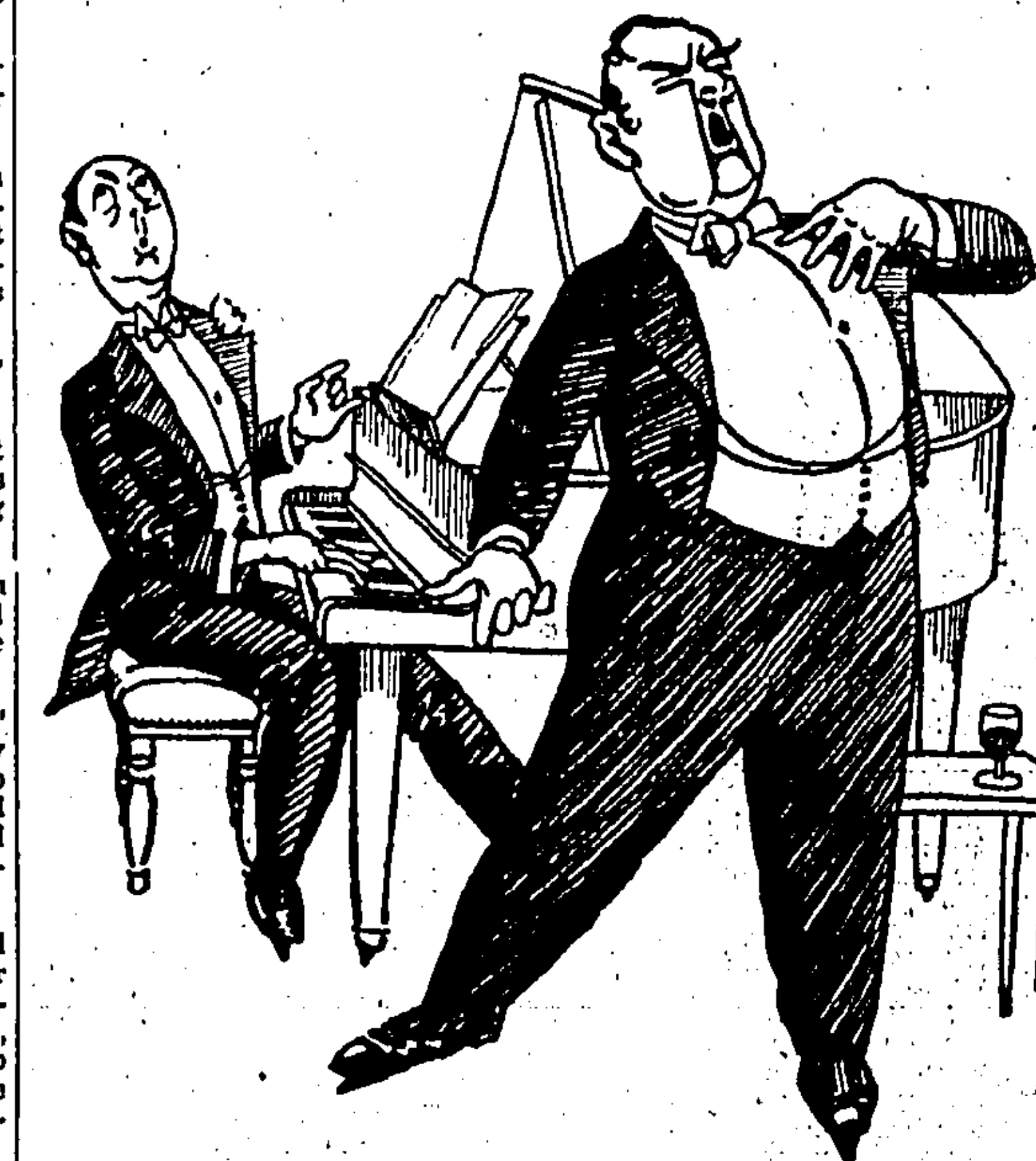
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## SPORT ADVTs.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 12th March, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12.15 p.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.  
Secretary.

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## NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

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their next trial, they will pick on a team which will supply the balls!

MR. Wall, the Irish representative, is experiencing great difficulty in raising an Irish team for the International Tournament which is to take place shortly. Will Irishmen in the Colony please get in touch with him, c/o the Yau Ma Tei Police Station?

THIS evening at 6 p.m., the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association will meet at St. Andrew's Church Hall. Members are requested to attend.

LADIES' League games for Saturday are:

CAER CLARK CUP  
Y.M.C.A. v. St. Andrew's  
(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

BROWN CUP  
Y.M.C.A. v. C.B.A.  
(Y ground, 3 p.m.)

THE St. Andrew's second eleven lost their chance of being runners-up in the Brown Cup Competition when they went down to the lower-placed Y.M.C.A. last Saturday by 1-0. The Saints were doing very well until their last three matches when they were unable to field their regular team due to some of the players being on the sick or injured list.

ON Tuesday at Sookunpoo, the Rajputana Rifles defeated the Middlesex Regiment by two goals to one in the Army Large Units Competition. Pritham Nath and Gopal Ram scored for the Rajputana Rifles and Hiscok for the Middlesex.

YESTERDAY on the U.S.R.C. ground, England's team defeated the Rajputana Rifles by 3-2 in a practice match. After the game, the following players were chosen to represent England in the International Tournament: Dobson (R.E.); Stickleley (Middlesex); Robinson (R.A.F.); Wetton (R.E.); Brown (Police); Guest (Radio); S. Fowler (Club); G. Fowler (C.B.A.); Divett (Club); Dunne (Middlesex); Bond (Club). Reserves: Taylor (C.B.A.); Parker (Police) and Bickford (Club).

THE Army will be sending its strongest team to Macao on Sunday to engage the Portuguese eleven.

## Tennis Definitely Off To-day

It was definitely stated this afternoon that the Hongkong C.C. ground is not in a fit state for to-day's matches in the Colony Tennis Championship to be played. This is the third time in the current tournament that the tennis programme has been interfered with by the weather.

## LA SALLE SPORTS ON SATURDAY

The Seventh annual athletic sports of La Salle College will be held on the college ground on Saturday, March 12, at 4 p.m. H.E. Mgr. H. Valtorta, Vicar-Apostolic, has kindly consented to give away the prizes.

## HONGKONG ELECTRIC HAS EXCELLEN YEAR

## Plans in Hand for New Central Sub-Station

The purchase of No. 8, Queen's Road, Central, for the purpose of building there a sub-station, was announced at the 49th ordinary yearly meeting this morning of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., held at the Company offices in the P. and O. Building.

The report showed a profit of nearly two million dollars on the year's working, an increase of over five million units of current generated and rapid progress with the installation of the most modern equipment.

The Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson Chairman of Directors presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, directors; Mr. V. S. J. C. Stanesby, A. McKellar, B. Wong Tui, Ko Koon-fai, A. Stevenson, J. A. Tarrant, Wong Ping-shun, Chan Shu-ming, Li Tse-fong, Wong Chi-po, Leung Fatin, Fung Kuei-fai, Fung Kuei-yin, Chua Seng-choo and Lo Kai-wing, Shareholders.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen.—The net profit after providing for depreciation is \$1,933,999.57 and with \$232,992.09 brought forward from the last account we have the sum of \$2,166,992.26 for appropriation.

## DIVIDEND AND BONUS

On September 9 we paid an interim dividend of \$1 per share which absorbed \$600,000 and with the balance we propose:

To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share absorbing \$900,000  
To pay a cash bonus of \$0.50  
Per share absorbing \$300,000  
To place to Reserve \$100,000  
To carry forward to next

Account \$200,992.26  
which I hope will meet with your approval.

The output from your plant was 5,249,828 units, an increase of 5,259,797 units or 9.74 per cent. over the previous year.

Meters connected increased by 2,402 which brings the total number connected to 43,078.

The gross earnings are \$321,239.58 more than last year.

During the latter part of the year under review, in common with many others in the Colony, we benefited to some extent, and are still doing so, through the misfortune of others, a state of affairs which is most sincerely hoped is only transient. We attribute, however, not more than one-third of the increase in the output of units to that cause and I am glad to tell you that throughout the first seven months of 1937, before the influx of refugees, there was a steady and progressive increase in the sale of current for lighting. This is the more satisfactory and encouraging as you will recall that for the previous four years it had to be reported from this Chair that the consumption of current for lighting purposes had diminished. There has also been a satisfactory increase in units sold for power.

## OLD DEBT PAID

To return to the accounts, you will observe on the debit side of Profit and Loss Account an increase in rents of \$12,032.02. This is merely because in the past we have shown there only the balance of rent account. Latterly, owing to the purchase of No. 8, Queen's Road, Central, which I shall refer to later, and to the letting of part of Butcher

## DEPRECIATION FUND

We have set aside for depreciation \$680,898, a decrease of \$10,430 compared with last year. Standard rates of depreciation have, however, been strictly maintained.

Turning to the balance sheet you will see that the reserve stands at \$4,000,000, and if you approve the recommendations of the Board this will now stand at the round sum of \$5,000,000.

On the assets side, land shows an increase of a little over \$900,000 which is mainly accounted for by the purchase of the property known as No. 8, Queen's Road, Central. It is our intention, when a suitable time arrives, to demolish the existing building and erect on the site a modern building part of which will house a new and up-to-date sub-station.

Expenditure on Capital Account, apart from the land just mentioned, was \$504,170.44, the principal items of which were the completion of the extension to No. 2 Turbine House, the building and equipment of a new sub-station at Chiu Lung Street and the laying of a duplicate high tension feeder to Shaikwan and the first section of a duplicate high tension feeder to Stanley.

## INVESTMENTS LESS

Cash at hand on current account and on fixed deposit was \$2,174,400.37 a decrease of \$87,707.02 compared with last year. This is due to expenditure on the new plant.

Investments are slightly less, advantage having been taken of an opportunity to dispose of a small amount of stock at what appeared to be an attractive figure; the market value of your investments was, on December 31, 1937, less than the purchase price by 147,559 which compares with \$5,827.75 on December 31, 1936.

It is a glad to be able to say, however, that since that date the market value of our investments has appreciated considerably.

All our installations have been maintained in a high state of efficiency and it is satisfactory to be able to report that the severe typhoon which passed close to the Colony on September 2 caused only minor damage to the Company's property.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the installation of the 15,000 k.w. turbo-alternator and though its delivery has been somewhat de-

## USED KNIFE IN FIGHT

## CHINESE CAUTIONED, ASSAILANT GOES TO PRISON

Originally charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Sze To Yik, 20, a palmer, in the Hongkong Football Club ground on March 2, Lau Cheung, 26, appeared as complainant before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Sze To was charged with stealing eight cents from Lau, and with intimidating Lau to compel him to pay over a sum of money to avoid being arrested.

Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley, who prosecuted, stated that Lau and his wife were sitting in the Hongkong Football Club ground about 9 p.m. on March 2 when defendant came to them and asked what they were doing there. He also told them that if they were arrested they would be fined \$200. He then searched the woman but found nothing on her, but on going through Lau's pockets came upon eight cents which he took.

Lau remonstrated with Sze To, who called out, as if to some friends who he claimed were nearby, and at the same time struck Lau in the face. Lau then drew a penknife and struck Sze To twice in the back.

## NOT STRONG ENOUGH

Lau stated in evidence that he was not strong enough to fight Sze To, so used his knife.

After corroborative evidence had been given by the wife, Chun Wai-fang, Police-Sergeant J. Danbrowsky said he was near at hand, and on hearing shouts ran to the scene, and saw defendant and complainant struggling with each other. Lau reported to him that Sze To had taken eight cents from him, and that he had used a knife on the man.

Defendant denied striking Lau, and also that he had taken money. He claimed that Lau took out the money voluntarily and handed it over.

Convicting Sze To, his Worship sentenced him to three months' hard labour on each charge, the terms to run concurrently. Addressing Lau, he told him that although he had been subjected to extreme provocation, he still had no right to use a knife. He ordered Lau to sign a bond of \$50 to be of good behaviour for a year.

## DARING HARBOUR THEFT RECALLED

The theft of a large quantity of dynamite and detonators from the foreshore at Kennedy Town on February 4 last was recalled at the Central Magistracy this morning when Yip Kwong, 32, was charged before Mr. H. R. Butters with stealing, together with others not in custody, four boxes of dynamite, 1,300 detonators and 20 coils of fuse from a fishing junk.

Detective-Sergeant J. Allen stated that the dangerous goods had originally been brought from Green Island on board a junk for the use of a contractor's firm. During the absence of the junk crew, defendant, with five others, came alongside the junk in a motorboat, towed it into the harbour and transferred the dynamite, detonators and fuse to another junk, which sailed away. Defendant was the coxswain of the motor boat.

The Sergeant added that the theft was a serious offence, not so much because of the value of the goods, which was \$280, but because of their nature.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

laid by the difficulties of obtaining raw material, particularly steel. It is hoped to have it in operation before the end of the summer. The order for a second 100,000 lbs. per hour Stirling boiler was placed early last year and it is expected that delivery of this plant will commence in the near future.

## SATISFACTORY YEAR

I think we can look back upon the year 1937 as satisfactory and I take this opportunity to record the directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the manager, staff and workmen.

I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented for the year ended December 31, 1937 be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask.

Mr. Li Tse-fong said: In seconding the Resolution I may safely say that all shareholders will join me in congratulating the directors, agents and staff on the very satisfactory results of last year's working.

The increase of over five million units of current generated, a rise of nearly 10 per cent. is a source of satisfaction to all of us and confirms our general belief that the Company is most efficiently managed.

I am glad to know that the installation of the new and more efficient plant which you mentioned last year is proceeding as I regard it as essential that supply companies, such as ours, should keep abreast with the times so as to render to the public the cheap and efficient service which they have a right to expect.

It gives me much pleasure to second your proposal that the Report and Statement of Accounts be adopted.

The Report and Accounts were approved.

On the motion of Capt. F. L. Brown seconded by Mr. A. McKellar, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and the Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Tarrant seconded by Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and the Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board.



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ON

SUNDAY, 13th MARCH, 1938

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### Dorsetshire's Cruise After Drydock Scraping

AFTER a five weeks' stay in Singapore, during which she participated in the combined exercises and had her hull scraped in the Naval Base floating dock, the 10,000-ton cruiser Dorsetshire, of the China Squadron, has left Singapore for Sydney.

It is suggested in Australia that Dorsetshire's visit has been arranged partly with the aim of soothing the Commonwealth, much disappointment having been felt there owing to absence of any large British naval vessel at the 150th. Anniversary celebrations which started in Sydney on January 26.

Although Italy sent her crack cruiser *Albatross*, the United States sent the four cruisers *Louisville*, *Trenton*, *Millwaukee* and *Memphis*, Holland sent the gunboat *Flores* and a cruiser attended from New Zealand, there was no representative from the China or East Indies Squadrons.

The most likely reason for the fact that British naval vessels could not attend was the situation in China and the holding of the combined exercises at Singapore.

The visit of Dorsetshire probably will cause much satisfaction in Australian official circles.

#### AT SYDNEY IN MONTH

The cruiser will reach Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia, on March 14 and will remain there until March 20. Dorsetshire will visit Thursday Island for a day, and will arrive in Sydney on April 2.

It is not known yet when she will leave Australia.

The last China Squadron unit to visit Commonwealth waters was the cruiser *Danac*, which left Singapore for Fremantle on Nov. 18.

### Naval Building Holiday Is Proposed

Washington, Mar. 9. A resolution asking President Roosevelt to propose a naval building holiday until January 1, 1940, and to call an arms limitation conference here in October has been introduced to the House of Representatives.—Reuter Bulletin.

### WHITNEY ACCEPTS BLAME

WITHDREW HUGE SUM IN SECURITIES

New York, Mar. 9. Mr. Richard Whitney, senior partner of the bankrupt firm of Whitney & Co., through his attorney to-day accepted full responsibility for the bankruptcy. He admitted certain actions of his were "Wrong," and he was prepared to meet the consequences.

Mr. Whitney will appear to-morrow at the New York Attorney-General's office, at which Mr. Robert Rosenthal, Whitney's cashier will testify that the financial magnate withdrew U.S.\$400,000 in securities from customers' accounts without advising Rosenthal of the purpose of their withdrawal. The cashier therefore did not question Mr. Whitney since he was senior member of the firm.—United Press.

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